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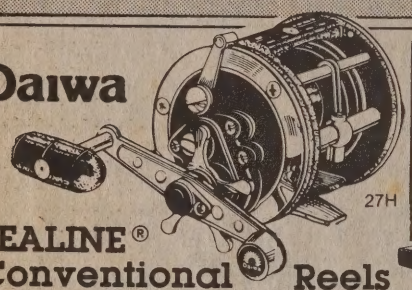

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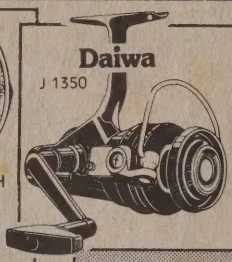

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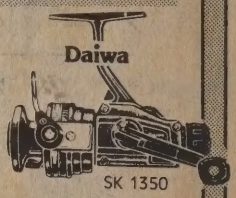

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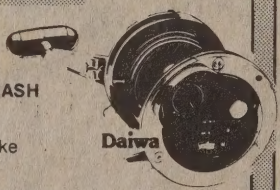

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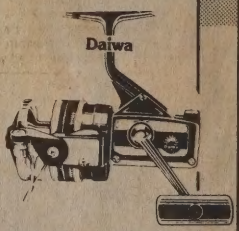

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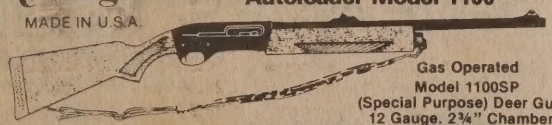

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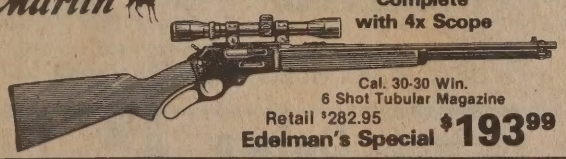

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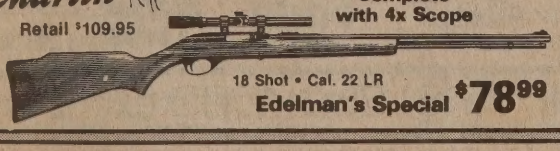

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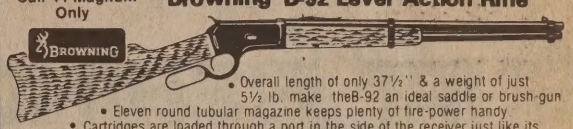

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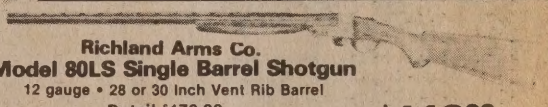

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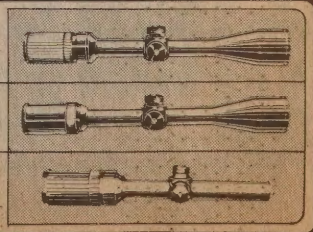

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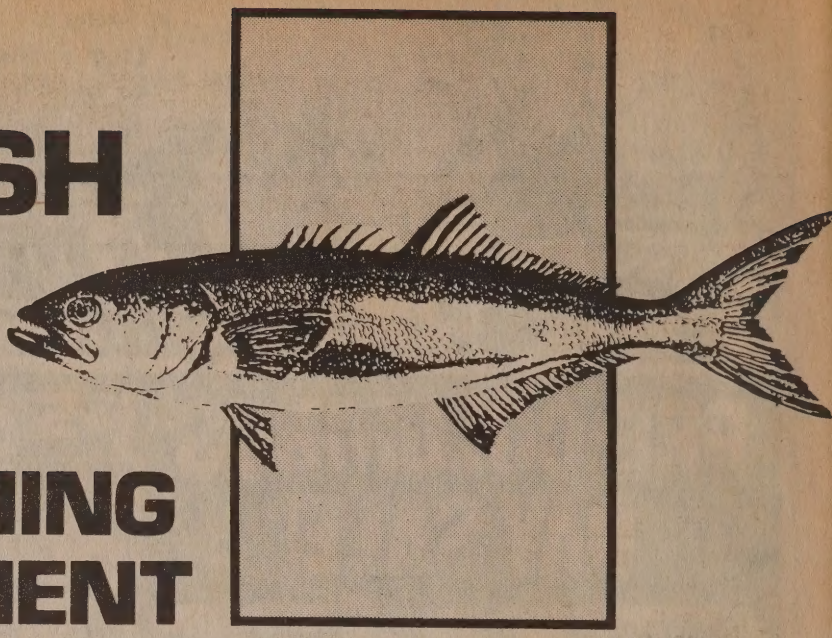

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William A. Muller, left, turns over a check from The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund to John Sheridan of The Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. The monies were used to erect three public fish cleaning stations at Captree and Jones Beach State Parks. For more details on this project, see the article on page 14 of this week's issue. Cover photo by Dick Mermon.

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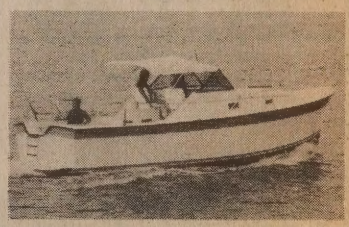

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Bidding will be open to the public for items including: fishing equipment, hunting equipment, camping equipment and out-of-doors supplies.

For additional information, call: Roger Mims at (516) 798-8535.

HEALTH RISK IN FISH FROM NASSAU COUNTY PONDS

Elevated pesticide levels have been reported in fish taken from six Nassau County ponds and reservoirs, advised Dr. John J. Dowling, Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Health.

The New York State Department of Health, based upon results of sampling and testing conducted by the State Department of Environmental Conservation, periodically issues a health advisory. The advisory contains specific recommendations concerning consumption based on evaluations of contaminant levels in fish and wildlife in order to minimize potential adverse health impacts.

In addition to calling attention to the New York State Department of Health's long-standing general fish consumption advisory which recommends that no more than one meal (one half pound) per week of fish taken from any water in the State not otherwise affected by a more specific advisory be eaten, Dr. Dowling stressed that the following waterbodies in Nassau County, as well as their tributaries to the first barrier impassable by fish, now have additional specific fish consumption advisories:

Hall's Pond in West Hampstead-Lakeview: Eat no carp or goldfish.

Loft's Pond in Baldwin and **Smith Pond** in Roosevelt Park, Roosevelt: Eat no more than one meal per month of carp or goldfish.

Freeport Reservoir, located between Freeport and Merrick and **Smith Pond** in Rockville Centre: Eat no more than one meal per month of any fish.

In addition, the previous recommendation not to eat any fish at all from the Upper Massapequa Reservoir has been revised and is now limited only to white perch, of which no more than one meal per month should be consumed.

It is further recommended that women of childbearing age, infants and children under the age of 15 not eat any fish taken from these six affected ponds and reservoirs or their tributaries.

The complete health advisory for Nassau County as well as other counties and waterbodies in the State can be found on the inside front cove and first page of the **1986-87 New York State Fishing, Small Game Hunting, Trapping Regulations Guide.** Copies of the Guide are available to those who purchase fishing, hunting and trapping licenses. These licenses may be purchased at the County Clerk's office in Mineola, Town Clerk offices, the regional office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Stony Brook and at some sporting goods stores. A copy of the health advisory may also be obtained by calling the Nassau County Department of Health at (516) 535-3368.

Dr. Dowling also reminds anglers and consumers that because of PCB contamination, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has banned the sale and possession of striped bass from fresh and marine waters.

LIBBA SURF FISHING DERBY

The LIBBA is holding a Fall Surf Fishing Derby starting on Friday, October 24th at 4PM. This derby will continue throughout the weekend and officially end at 3PM on Sunday, the 26th. The boundaries include the entire strip of beach on FINS plus Smith Point Beach. Categories include blues, bass and weakfish. Prizes are as follows:

Senior Division (in each category): 1st-$65; 2nd-$40; 3rd-$20.

Junior Division: 1st-$30; 2nd-$20; and 3rd-$10. A hidden weight prize of $10 will also be awarded at the end of the tournament.

Bass entries will be accepted with a length and girth measurement to ensure a quick safe return to the water. All other entries will be weighed on Tom Kehlenbeck's scale which will be mobile on the beach. He, as well as others, will be monitoring Channel 22 on the CB for either help or to have fish weighed in. Tom Kehlenbeck will be located with his camper on the beach on or about cut 1 on Smith Point Beach. His camper will be marked with the LIBBA banner. This wold be a place where you could weigh in your fish or find out up-to-date standings on the tournament.

For you non-Suffolk residents who want to take your truck onto Smith Point Beach, you will have to be sponsored by a Suffolk resident with a current 1986 permit. We will leave a list of some names and permit #s of people in LIBBA who are on the beach with the people at the booth. So ask for a guest pass and use one of the names on the list. If you run into a

problem getting onto the beach call on Channel 22 for Tom Kehlenback, Lee Wolfson or for a fellow LIBBA member and someone will come off the beach to sponsor you. Try to make some kind of arrangements before to have someone with a permit meet you at the access point to avoid any problems. There is a fee for a guest pass of $10 per day. FINS is open to Nassau and Suffolk residents at no charge, but there is limitation to access by time of day.

The tournament will officially end at 3:00 on Sunday. We will be awarding the prizes at 4:00 at cut 1 on Smith's Point. Non-permit holders can meet at the access booth at 3:30 to 3:45 and we will have someone drive you down to the awards presentation. All fish officially entered in this tournament are also accepted into the annual Fishing Derby. Any questions please call Tom Kehlenbeck, (516) 475-6961 or Lee Wolfson (516) 979-9450 (days).

FISHER WINS MONTAUK MONSTER MARLIN TOURNEY FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR WITH 351 LB. BLUE

Pete Fisher, of Lake Park, Florida, took top honors in this year's Montauk Monster Marlin Tournament, just completed at the Montauk Marine Basin, with a 351 pound blue that earned him $21,700 in prize money. His 850 lb. Atlantic blue marlin won last year's tournament, as well, fishing aboard his boat, the Billfisher.

Larry Galizia took second place prize money of $7,400 with his 278 lb. blue, fishing on his boat the Kim Lauren with Montauk guide Richard Nessel.

The fledgling Montauk Monster Marlin Tournament began quietly last year as a competition between two boats. This year, seven teams each put up the $4200 entry fee, including several seasoned marlin fishermen who, like Fisher, are familiar faces on the more established southern tournament circuit.

In two days of fishing the seven boats raised eight blue marlin and two whites, in addition to several bigeye tuna and other offshore species. Two marlin were brought to the dock. The third day of the tournament was largely eliminated due to weather.

"This tournament is expanding rapidly due to heightened interest in the fabulous blue marlin fishery off eastern Long Island," explains Carl Darenberg, Jr., proprietor of the Montauk Marine Basin. "We fully expect to see 30 or more boats in the tournament next year and correspondingly higher numbers during the years that follow."

August and September have become known as the peak months for blue marlin off eastern Long Island. An 1174 lb. blue brought into the Montauk Marine Basin this summer set a new New York State record and fell just over 100 lbs. short of a new all-tackle world record.

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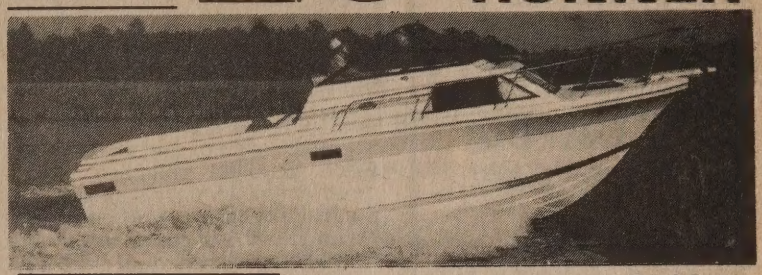

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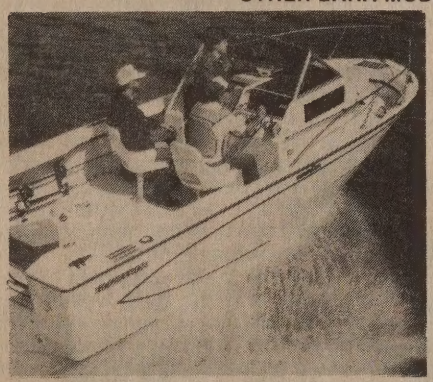

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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:

SEA OX 260

by Pete Barrett

Sea Ox boats are aptly named. They are built like an ox and this Greenville, North Carolina company goes to great lengths to make sure their boats are made to take a lot of punishment. Among the list of customers impressed with the durability of the Sea Ox designs are the United States Coast Guard, several state fish and game agencies and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Early Sea Ox boats were built as commercial skiffs and gained a reputation of being able to handle most any sea conditions day after day. While the commercial skiffs were rugged, they also weren't winning any beauty contests either. As the company expanded into the recreational fishing boat business they kept an eye on improving the lines of their boats without leaving out any of the strength and toughness. The latest offerings from Sea Ox stress traditional good looking lines and modern use of the latest construction techniques to retain that valuable durability.

One of the latest examples of Sea Ox's winners is the 260C walkaround cabin which the company calls the "Blue Runner" since it's aimed directly at taming the heavy seas of the offshore blue waters. Of course, it will also do very well along the inshore grounds.

To assure a stable ride with reasonable ability to ride through heavy seas, Sea Ox enlisted the design experts of Collier Marine Development in Sarasota, Florida. It was fine tuned at Sea Ox's production factory to give high performance and good fuel economy.

The design is not a deep vee, yet the hull is surprisingly comfortable in a head sea. A slight ease off the throttles and she avoids bad pounding. Following seas are a breeze and there is no feeling of broaching when the sea is off either stern quarter. While trolling and drifting the boat is VERY stable.

The walkaround deck is not deeply molded into the cabin overhead, so there is plenty of extra room in the cabin. Safe footing on the walkaround deck is assured by a thigh high stainless bow rail that is high enough to quickly grab hold of. A bow pulpit aids anchoring chores. The padded foward seat opens into a hatch fo cabin ventilation.

Forward and side windows provide plenty of light into the cabin and the windshield surrounding the helm area is high enough to not break right across the operator's line of vision. Something to be appreciated, especi-

ally by six footers!

The helm is well done and neatly laid out. Instruments are protected from spray and washdown under a hinged plexi lid that keeps everything dry, yet allows easy cleaning. There's sufficient room for small electronics like Loran, LCD, digital or recorder. Even one of the new smaller radars could be mounted on the passenger side of the helm. Many buyers of 26 foot boats frequently add the hard top which is available as an option and get the electronics box to house the extra electronic goodies. A special VHF size radio box is built into the bulkhead alongside the helm, covered with a plexi lid to keep out dampness.

A teak door closes off the cabin. Inside, the cabin is comfortable for overnight sleeping of at least three people. The forward vee berth measures just over 6 feet and there is an additional aft berth that slips partially under the cockpit deck and measures 7 feet in length.

There are the usual cabinets, marine head, an optional shower and refrig, sink and generous padded cushions. The overall color scheme on the 260C I looked at had blue cushions with beige bulkhead coverings and made for a brightly lit cabin.

The cockpit will please fishermen. There are twin live bait wells, under gun'l storage for rods, a non-skid deck surface, 400 quart insulated fish box with overboard drains and freshwater washdown. Rod racks are also built into the engine box on the stern drive model.

Across the transom there are two storage compartments at each side. In the center is a 36 quart fish/bait box that boasts insulation and overboard drains. All lids are hinged with strong hardware and the lift latches are easy to grab onto even with fish slippery hands.

The cockpit is approximately 15 feet from helm to transom so the deck is very room. Drift fishermen can fish 3 anglers side by side and another up forward on the bow deck. There is deck space to accommodate up to 6 people with ease while trolling or cruising.

Power is either twin 190 horsepower stern drives or twin 2.6 liter Sea Drives. Fuel capacity for the Sea Drives is a very generous 250 gallons, 185 gallons for the stern drives; that translates into canyon running capability.

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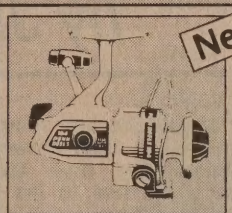

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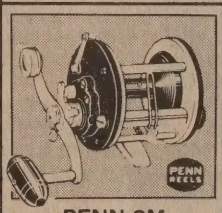

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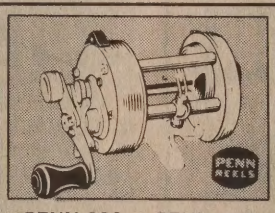

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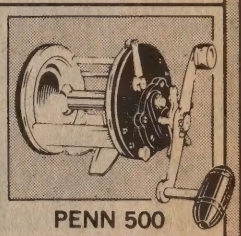

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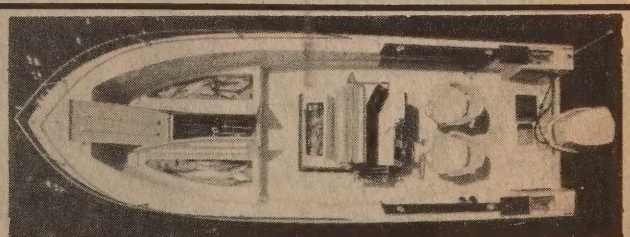

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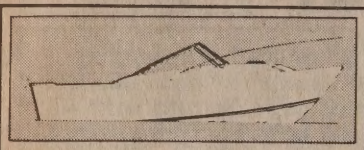

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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

BROWNING 810 SPINNING REELS

by Jim White

The Browning 800 Series spinning reels are one of the most advanced spinning reels being built today. There are three models in the 800 Series: the 806 which has a line capacity of 230 yds. of 4 lb. test; 150 yds. of 6 lb. test; 100 yds. of 8 lb. test and 95 yds. of 10 lb. Its weight is 8.4 oz. and is classified as ultralight.

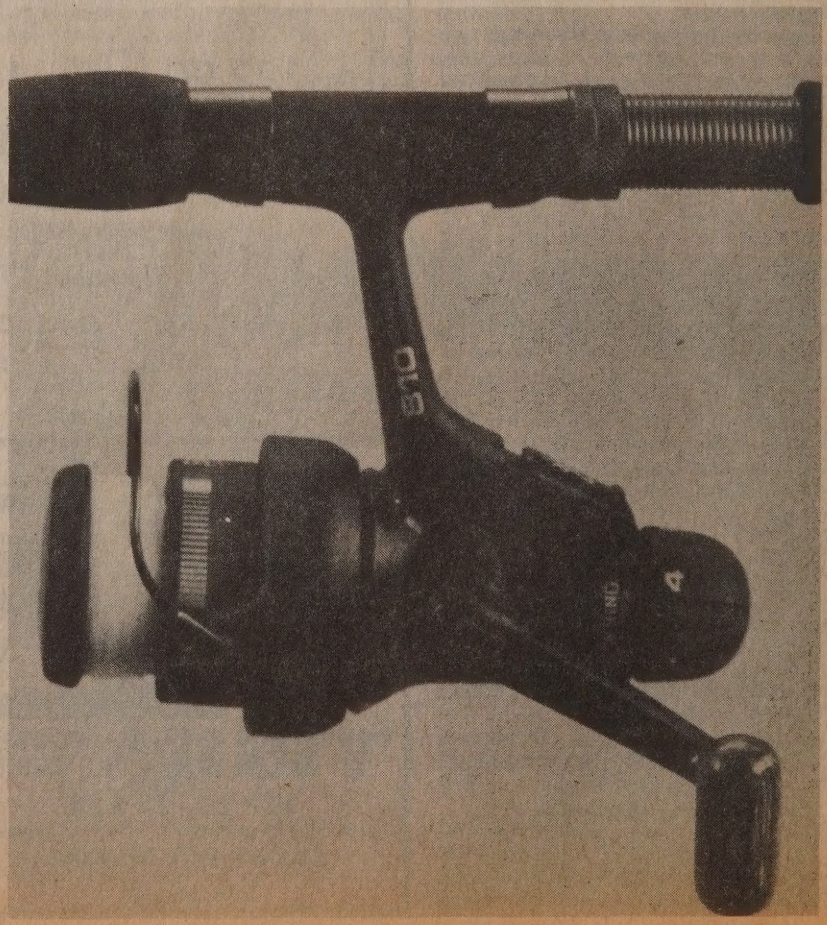
The 810 which holds 260 yds. of 6 lb. test; 160 yds. of 8 lb. test; 120 yds. of 10 lb. and 110 yds. of 12 lb. test. This model weighs 8.7 oz. and is billed as light freshwater.

The 812 Series, which is general freshwater and light saltwater weighs 15 oz. and holds 400 yds. of 8 lb. test; 290 yds. of 10 lb. test; 270 of 12 lb. test and 210 of 14 lb. test.

Gear ratios are quite fast on the two freshwater models. Both the 806 and 810 have a ratio of 5.4:1. The 812 light saltwater model is a little bit slower at 4.9:1.

I had a chance to test the 810 and was quite impressed with its performance. I did notice that it was better suited to a 6½ or 7 foot spinning rod than a smaller one. After putting it on a 5 foot worm rod, it seemed to throw it off balance as the 810 is a little larger than most freshwater reels.

What was very impressive was the reel's smooth futuristic lines and design. The handle retrieve knob fits nicely into one's hand and the smooth



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graphite body design looks great on the rod.

Its graphite composite body construction makes the reel light in weight and feels good. All the 800 reels come with a black finish on their body spool and rotors.

The anti-reverse switch is built-in flush on the body, right above the rear drag adjustment which makes it easy to find and turn on and off. This quick accessibility is great for situations where back reeling is preferable to using the drag, as when fishing with bait.

Three stainless steel ball bearings make this reel one of the quietest around, and another impressive feature is the machined brass drive and pinion gears.

The stainless steel main center shaft is supported at four points along the reel; by a stainless steel ball bearing at the rotating head and by three graphite bearing surfaces inside the reel body. These bearings and bushings solidly holding the shaft prevents "torquing" or excess play, for less wear and greater smoothness.

I found the oversized rear drag adjustment very easy to use and convenient to find even if you're not looking for it directly. The drag's number settings are quite large which make them easy to see and read.

The new Micro-Adjustable rear drag uses a combination of multiple stainless steel spacers and heat dissipating washer materials for consistent, surge-free operation. The 800 series drag washers have nearly three times more surface area than the washers in conventional rear drag reels. The greater surface area gives smoother, fade free braking than ever before.

I especially liked the way the line went on the spool, evenly from top to bottom and not the top heavy lay down like you get on some reels.

The spool is a one-touch button, on and off like most new reels and the bail mechanism flipped and locked on both cast and retrieve very easily. All spools also have line clips to hold line in place when not in use.

The bail mechanism cocks in an easy, ultra-smooth motion and uncocks with a light turn on the handl. The bail wire is stainless steel and the line runs over a hard chromed line roller to protect line from wear.

With a capacity of 112 yds. of 12 lb. test, this reel could also serve as a light saltwater reel. After using it on school bass in one of the local rivers this spring, it easily handled striped bass up to 12 lbs. on strong runs. The drag system never gave any indication of sticking or binding during the time I used it. The same held true catching bluefish up to 14 lbs.

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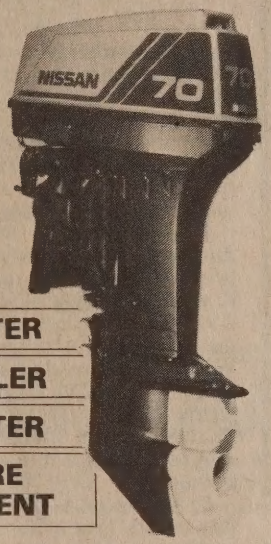

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

In a recent issue of The Fisherman, I ran across your answer to an article by a gentleman who was delighted to hear that there was a repair facility for Mitchell reels. I don't have the issue that gives the address of this company and I would greatly appreciate it if you would so kind as to forward it to me. I have enclosed a SASE for your use.

I don't know if this facility can repair my reel: a Mitchell 302 Salt Water which was manufactured in France under the U.S. Patent number 2.726.052. I bought this reel through our shipboard exchange in the early 1950s while serving in the Mediterranean area of operations. Local repair facilities state that they are unable to get a special part for it. I'm still using it, but it does not work 100 percent.

Speaking of Mitchell reels, I have two others: one a Garcia Mitchell 304 made in France and a Mitchell 304, also made in France, that I have been using for I can't remember how long, and have never had a failure or repair done on either. They have been used in both fresh and salt water the world over in my Naval travels. To me, their dependability is unsurpassed.

Keep up the good work. Your column is the first that I read in each issue. *Ed J. Everding, LCDR USN (Ret).*

Dear Ed,

The address for Mitchell repairs is: Tackle Service, 2857 Saw Mill Run Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15227. Incidentally, that 302 was a real workhorse. Many of the jetty jocks used it exclusively during the 60s and it did take plenty of abuse without failing. Hopefully, the Tackle Service Company can help you out.

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Dear Doc,

My father and I do a lot of shark fishing. We release all our sharks except mako over 200 lbs. Dad claims that by the time a mako reaches 200 lbs. it has had a chance to breed a couple times.

Is this true, and does the same go for thresher sharks? *Adam Kenter.*

Dear Adam,

Sorry to disagree with your dad. But, according to many marine biologists, the female mako has not reached maturity until she weighs in excess of 500 lbs. Most of the biologists we've asked claim very few mature mako sharks are taken from local waters. That big 1,000 lb. plus brute that Captain Frank Mundus boated on the Crickett II was definitely a female, for many marine biologists say the male mako does not attain that heavyweight status.

The same biologist who answered our question pertaining to the mako said the thresher shark also is a late breeder and that most of the threshers we catch along the Atlantic Coast are immature.

I agree with your dad about releasing the sharks. We usually keep one mako each season. That fish is gutted upon being caught, iced down and then steaked and prepared for freezing. From that point on, all of our sharks are released to fight another day. Tagging and releasing unwanted sharks is one way to guarantee our future generations will be able to enjoy the same pursuits we had and it is sound conservation of a resource.

If you or others are interested in tagging the fish you release, you can join the American Littoral Society, Sandy Hook, Highlands, NJ 07732. Individual dues (1986) are $20 and club membership dues are $25. You can also purchase tagging kits from the ALS at $4 per kit if you are a paid up member of the Society.

For more details on the ALS, contact them directly or call (201) 291-0055.

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Dear Doc,

I am soon to be mate out of Ocean City, Md. I have been looking for a saltwater log book for over a year with no luck. If possible, can you please help? *Bill Shaprow, Jr.*

Dear Bill,

Why not make up your own log? All you really need is a loose leaf binder, some lined pages, and a general format to follow. You'll have to keep track of what happens during each trip, but most of us who keep a log from year to year are used to doing that during the day and then transferring it to a permanent record when we return home that evening.

You will need the date, tide, wind direction, water temperature, if possible, area fished, type of fish caught, amount of fish taken, lures used, fishing technique and any additional

comments you might want to keep for future reference.

Some fishermen have log books dating back 20 or 30 years or even longer. It's nice to check back through the years to see how things have changed and if your scores are better or worse.

There are commercially designed log books available, but I really cannot see the need to purchase one when you can custom design your own. Most of the log books we've seen were made with the freshwater angler in mind and do not take into consideration the migratory habits of saltwater game fish.

In keeping with modern times, there are several companies now marketing a computer program that facilitates easy record keeping. We've seen a few programs that are easy to use and can be tailored to each person's specific needs. They are a tad costly, but will probably come down in price as more companies enter the field.

We will probably have an article on computer log keeping in a winter issue. By then, we'll have the names and addresses of some companies that are marketing this type of log book.

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Dear Doc,

I am going to build a fish box for my friend's boat. I need information in reference to the materials that I will need, like what kind of wood and nails would I need to build the fish box. The finished fish box will be 6 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.

Thank you. *Julio Viera.*

Dear Julio:

You will need marine plywood. It withstands the elements and will last for years provided you seal it correctly.

I suggest using screws rather than nails. The nails will rust and if they don't rust, there is always the possibility that they will pull out or loosen causing the box to fall apart. If you do use nails make sure you purchase them in brass. Same for screws. Buy the brass and even though you'll pay a little more, you'll have a product that will last.

You will need hinges and they, too, should be of brass construction, or at least stainless steel.

I would suggest also that you paint the finished box with a good quality epoxy paint. This is a harder paint and is not as likely to chip or crack when exposed to varying kinds of weather and salt water.

Don't skimp on the fixtures. Use enough screws (one every few inches) to solidly anchor the sides, bottom and top of the box. The saltwater environment is not kind to equipment of any materials; so buy the best you can find and it should give you good service.

You might also consider fiberglassing the seams of the box. It, too, will ensure long life for the box.

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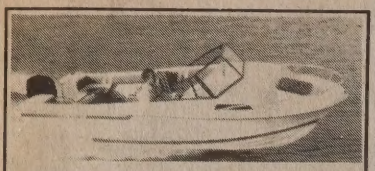

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by William A. Muller

On Thursday, September 11, 1986, three fish cleaning stations, complete with running water were dedicated to service by The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission.

We are pleased to have been a part of this effort which now provides a fish cleaning area for pier fishermen, boat fishermen, and surf fishermen who have caught fish in the waters around Jones Beach and Robert Moses.

Two fish cleaning stations have been constructed at the Jones Beach Fishing Piers and a third at the Fishermen's Walk at Captree. All three are convenient for use, and sturdy.

Present at the dedication ceremonies were Mr. John Sheridan, Regional Director for the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission; Mr. Neil Ackerson, Superintendent Robert Moses State Park, and myself representing The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. Also present at the ceremony was Noel Kappauf representing the Captree and Jones Beach Bait and Tackle Shops. The bait and tackle shops are co-sponsors of three of the five fishing derbies now run by the Fund. These are the Captree Flounder Derby (April), the Captree

John Sheridan explains the value of joint projects between government and the private sector to Bill Muller, Noel Kappauf and Neil Ackerson.

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Fluke Derby (June), and the Surf Bluefishing Derby (October).

A special notation needs to be made that Mr. Michael Asheroff, Deputy Regional Director, was not able to be present at the ceremony for reasons beyond his control. Yet, it should be noted that Mr. Asheroff's assistance in turning the idea into reality was immense. Thanks Mike!

At the ceremony, Mr. Sheridan noted that it was cooperation between government and the private sector that allowed many projects to become reality. He also extended the wish to all fishermen that they enjoy the new facilities.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Fund, let me briefly explain how these projects are supported. Inshore fishermen participating in the five derbies pay a fee of $5. In return, they receive a spool of Stren fishing line. Should they choose to attend the awards ceremony they will receive free beer courtesy of Genesee Brewing Co. and stand an excellent chance of winning one of 40 quality raffle prizes that include rods, reels, and sportsmen's tools, just to mention a few. These raffle prizes are courtesy of Striker Tackle, Shakespeare Tackle, Daiwa Tackle, Super lube, G-96 and Penn Reels. Other prizes are provided by Northville Industries and All-Tackle Distributors.

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No one loses in these derbies!

A reminder that we have already assisted LIBBA and other surf fishermen in the construction of a new four wheel drive parking area at Gilgo, and the construction of these cleaning stations. In addition, we have just firmed up plans with the Long Island Divers Association to improve the quality of the Iberia Wreck by sinking a 100 foot by 30 foot barge on what little is left of the wreck. Surely the addition to the wreck will enhance both the recreational fishing and diving opportunities at the site. Ms. Edith Hoffman, president of the diving group, told me that she anticipates the project which already has all necessary permits, will be completed within the month. We'll provide a follow-up story once everything has been done.

The Fund also accepts donations from clubs, individuals and organizations that would like to support the non-profit fund so that more recreational fishing projects can be supported. If you would like to make a contribution, make your check payable to The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund and send it to: The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund, Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

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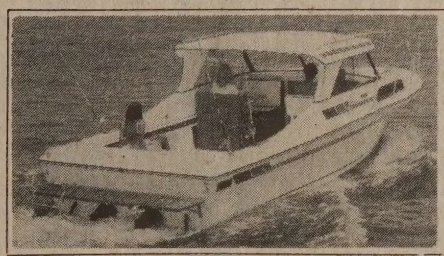

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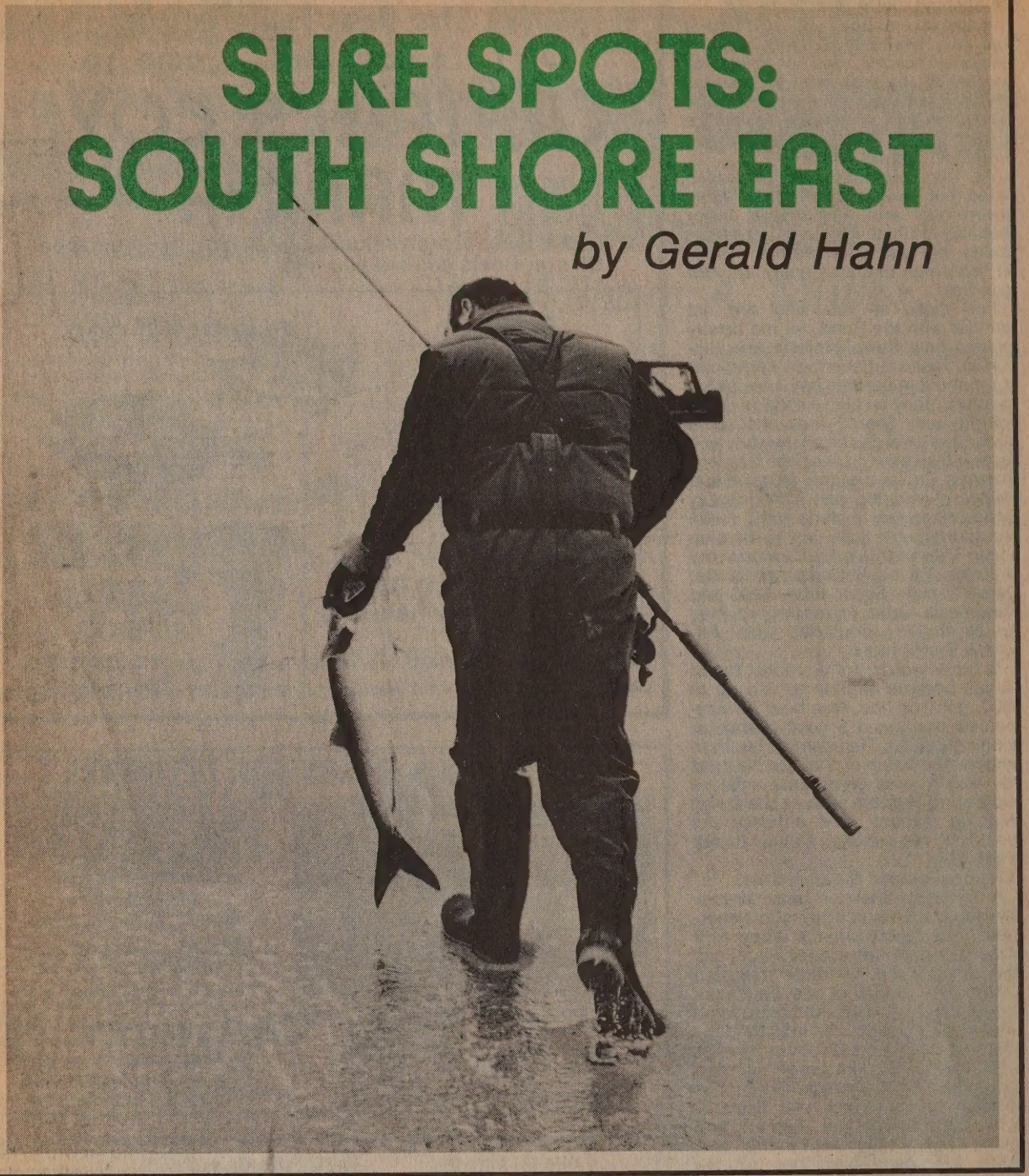
SURF SPOTS: SOUTH SHORE EAST

by Gerald Hahn



Wherever the East End of Long Island officiallly begins, its ocean beaches hold great quantities of fish, especially in the fall. Over 90 percent of the fish are blues, but there are also some weaks and bass around. Many of these beaches are accessible to fishermen who do not own a beach vehicle, and parking is often only a short distance from Productive water.

Last season, John Fritz mentioned in his article, "Surf Fishing's Land of Opportunity," (Issue #30, 8/1/85), a number of beaches on Montauk's south side, such as Ditch Plains, Surfside, Gurney's and Hither Hills. He also noted the parking lot at Montauk Point, which, of course, puts you in touch with the beaches south of the lighthouse. Consequently, I will not go into these in detail, except to give directions. It must be understood, however, that, with the exception of Montauk Point and Hither Hills, most of the beaches to be covered here are town beaches requiring parking stickers. Even so, the restrictions, though officially in effect, are relaxed in most of these places after Labor Day.

The south side beaches at Montauk may be reached either from the main highway, Rt. 27, or off the Old Montauk Highway south of it. The junction of these two highways occurs between Napeague and Montauk and again in Montauk itself. For example, Hither Hills and Gurney's, a well-known restaurant in Montauk, are clearly indicated on the Old Montauk Highway. Access to Hither Hills is also off Rt. 27. East of these two places, the area known as Surfside may be reached by any number of streets as you come into Montauk. Turn right on South Essex Street and continue east on the road that runs parallel to the beach. Ditch Plains, off

Ditch Plains Road, is a few blocks east of South Essex Street.

If we extend the East End from Montauk to Hampton Bays, however, there are several other excellent beaches for surf fishing. In Napeague, west of Montauk, there are two: White Sands and Napeague Lane. White Sands is a motel just west of Atlantic Drive, the street that puts you on this beach. When you walk onto this beach, you will see a point and a bar with white water about three blocks east (on your left, as you face the water). Lots of birds here, too. Nonetheless, the unusual clutter of tidal debris, surf clams and various crabs—rare for a South Shore beach—are not necessarily signs of recent activity in the water. For the area between the point and Atlantic Drive is regularly fished by haul seiners, commercial fishermen who work from the beach. They lay out a long net from a dory which heads about a mile off the beach and then returns some three to five blocks away. While one person winches the net back to shore from a truck, another removes the fish caught in the net and discards the shellfish on the beach. Nonetheless, White Sands, with its turbulent water on the calmest day, is an excellent spot to try for predatory fish.

About a mile west of White Sands is the town beach at Napeague Lane. Although there are no distinctive landmarks on Rt. 27 near this beach, a little past the 'Gansett Auto Works the highway suddenly seems devoid of life. Few houses, just dunes and telephone poles, When you come to a cluster of houses on the ocean side of the highway, with streets named Mako, Surf and Devon, slow down. One of these is Napeague Lane. Being a town beach, Napeague Lane has an ample parking lot. Although the area directly opposite the entrance to this beach is featureless, there are two points: east and west. Since the eastern point is closer, it is fished more often by hiking surf men.

West of Napeague, the town of Amagansett has two beaches as well: Indian Wells Road in the west end of town and Atlantic Avenue in the east end. Although neither of these beaches has a point which brings the surfcaster closer to the bar running parallel to shore, they are certainly worth investigating. Two Septembers ago, in fact, there were as many bluefish taken at these two beaches as at White Sands and Napeague.

Heading west, I would avoid the area between East Hampton and Water Mill. East Hampton, with the possible exception of the town beach at the end of Ocean Avenue, has too many exclusive beaches, such as Maidstone, Two-Mile Hollow and Georgica, which require costly parking stickers even for year-round residents, and you stand a good chance, even in the fall, of getting a ticket. The same is true for many of the beaches at Wainscott, Sagaponack, Mecox, Bridgehampton and Water Mill.

A trophy striper taken on Shinnecock's east side last fall. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

In Southampton, however, you can take the South Main Street exit off Rt. 27. Head through town to the end of this street and make a right on Dune Road, which ends at the east side of Shinnecock Inlet. There are several small parking spaces for three or four cars along the way, if you want to fish directly from the beach. Of course, you can also walk a few blocks east of the jetty, which, incidentally, is excellent for striped bass as well as bluefish.

In Hampton Bays, the west jetty at Shinnecock Inlet is familiar to many shore-bound fishermen. Free parking has been extended along the entire length of this jetty, which is a pleasure indeed. The easiest way to reach the west jetty is by taking the Westhampton Beach exit, off Rt. 27 and following it into town. Then follow the signs to Westhampton Beach and cross the bridge. A left on Dune Road takes you to the inlet. Although many people fish from the jetty rocks here, there is a good spot on the beach just west of them. Cast a lure to the right of a prominent marker pole in the water, and you will discover a dropff where predatory fsh herd baitfish.

A few blocks west of this jetty is the Ponquogue Pavilion, a large gray building opposite the Ponquogue Bridge. As with White Sands, this beach has a prominent sand bar, with white water close by. And you do not have to walk far to reach it. In fact, it

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Since many of the beaches in the East End are fairly close to each other, on any given day it pays to explore several of them in the same vicinity. You can divide them into three zones: Montauk, Napeague to Amagansett and Southampton to Hampton Bays. If you see a dozen or more fishermen at one of these beaches, try it. There may be fish nearby, or there may have been in recent days. Bluefish, particularly, hang around for a few days when they are densely schooled and rampaging a beach.

In general, most surf men hit the beaches between dawn and 8AM, or from 5PM to dark. In the fall, a tidal change in the middle of the day will also fill a beach with surfcasters. So will a recent, heavy invasion of bluefish.

Keep your gear to a minimum if you intend to do a lot of walking on the beach. A 10 to 12 foot surf rod with a large matching reel spooled with 12 to 20 lb. test, a surf bag for various lures and a filleting knife and a bag or bucket to carry the catch, will do. Some people bring an extra rod, such as an 8 foot jetty stick or a light 9 footer. If fish are feeding close to shore (sometimes they're only 30 feet out) the surfcaster can easily switch to the lighter rod and increase his sport.

In conclusion, I would like to say that everybody who fishes a south shore beach has a responsibility to keep it clean. Recreational fishermen certainly have a right to pursue their sport and commercial fishermen, such as haul seiners, have a right to earn a living from the inshore waters as well. The problem is, there are bad applies in both camps. When a beach is suddenly closed to fishermen, the reason is not always local politics or rowdy adolescents drag racing in the dunes. At one pristine beach in the East End, I came upon 110 fish that had been wantonly discarded by a haul seiner. The fish, mostly blues, were rotting on the beach. Apparently the wholesale price of bluefish that autumn had dropped so low that marketing the fish would have been a waste of time. Considering that the fish could have been released—and most of the time they are, by conservation-minded haul seiners—the destruction was appalling.

Yet is the recreational fisherman who wantonly kills spider crabs, calico crabs, horseshoe crabs, sea robins, sand sharks and sea skates any better? Included in this group are fishermen who discard beer bottles and soda cans and yards of tangled monofilament on the beach. On more than one occasion, I have untangled a sea bird that was strangling itself in this mess.

If you behave this way, please forget about the beaches mentioned in this article. I don't want to meet you there. For the hiking surfcaster, accessible beaches have been shrinking. Let's preserve what we have.

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ONE MORE GRIPE

by Matt Ahern

Fishermen who have been reading these weekly pearls of wisdom over the years know my reader correspondence is quite high. Especially is this so when summer's glorious days are past and winter's bleakness is in the wings. It is then when bored sinker bouncers apparently get together and in one voice exclaim: "Hey, let's get in touch with Old Matt! Bet he can't answer this one." And you know—many times they're right.

These letter writers cover just about everything pertaining to the fishing scene as one can imagine. Some letters are moving, some humorous, and some angry. Often they are extremely long (the record is 12 single-spaced typewritten pages); some fishermen go into great detail. Many related their fishing experiences as youngsters, throughout middle life, and into advanced age. Like the moon, they shine in reflected light. Much comment is made over the old-time stories I write: most readers tell me I tell it exactly as it was, that they clearly recall those long gone glorious days when, as one reader put it, "you had to go below to bait your hooks."

If I were to select one of these letters for comment, which I occasionally do, I most certainly would have to bring this one to your attention, for it brings up a subject I thought had long since been laid to rest.

Edward Salmis of New Hyde Park sent me this letter of complaint. It is like none I've received before. Actually there were two gripes instead of the usual one. It seems Mr. Salmis read a complaint sent by a disgruntled fisherman to one of the local newspaper fishing columnists in which the writer claimed that the party boat skipper on whose boat he fished had sent in a report stating his passengers had "slaughtered" the fish the day he was aboard. Not so, claimed this angry letter-writing fisherman: the fish were few and far between that day; very, very few and far between. Why, Mr. Salmis wanted to know, why do party boat skippers tell such lies?

Gripe number two had to do with the response given by the newspaper fishing columnist who simply replied by saying: "So what else is new?"

Mr. Salmis wanted my comment on the situation. And here's the gist of what I wrote in reply.

First of all, I didn't know who that columnist was (Mr. Salmis didn't say, nor did he give the name of the newspaper—which was just as well, for I was not all that interested), but even so, I think that short, unfeeling reply left much to be desired—for two reasons.

One—a reader, subscriber, or whatever, who takes time out to voice a complaint to the one person he feels can handle it certainly deserves more attention than that. Two—to reply in such a manner is to imply that every party boat skipper conducts his business in similar fashion. This is simply not so, and I'll dispute to my last breath anyone who says differently.

"I believe the quickest way to the mad house for those interested in doing so is to become a party boat skipper. If anyone has a right to gild the lily, it is these harassed gentlemen. But as I say, few do."

Let me say right now that I don't doubt there are a few party boat skippers who do practice this deception—heck, man, we had them when I first began party boat fishing just about 60 years ago. But let me add that they were few and far between and that I personally never knew one—and I've certainly been acquainted with my share of party boat skippers, perhaps more so than the average sinker bouncer.

In 1931 I got my first mate's job—on the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. One of the first things the skipper told me was this: Never, ever lie about fishing when asked by potential passengers. If we had a poor day (and we had our share of them, too, even with all that good fishing around) and someone asked how we did the day before, or whatever, I was to tell the truth—even if it meant losing a possible customer. (And this was during the Depression when even a nickel had much value—subway ride, for instance.) That skipper, whom I worshipped as a youngster, was smart. If that potential fisherman went out with us anyway and the fishing fell apart, he was more or less expecting it—no shock or cause for complaint on his part. And if the fishing improved, as often happened following a day of slow fishing, we had one happy fisherman, a fellow we might be able to convert into one of our regulars.

Since that long ago day, I've been a mate on other party boats and never did any of those skippers tell me to stretch the truth. It is easy to lie to a captive audience, an audience that does not consider this bit of imaginative fabric for the lie it is. The temptation to do so is great for some, I'm sure, but smart skippers don't or won't do it, no matter how desperate they are for passengers. Skippers are not responsible for the actions of fish from day to day. Intelligent fishermen passengers realize this and for them to fault any skipper for one of Nature's "tricks," is of the utmost foolishness.

Yes, I know times are not good for the party boat skipper. But even when the fish were more plentiful than they are today, and with less competition in the offing, the party boat business was risky. I'll tell you something, my very good friend, it takes a particular breed of person to go into the party boat business—it always did and it always shall.

Few businesses depend on Mother Nature to succeed as those concerned with fishing. The fish pick holidays and good weather to go off their feed—or so it seems. The weather turns sour for endless days, which means the boats stay tied at the pier, and the poor skipper tears his hair out by the handful—if he hasn't already lost it during the first year.

But expenses go on. And on. And on.

The banks and mortgage holders don't care if the weather is bad, or if the fish decide to seek greener pastures, causing the fishermen to stay away in droves. Comes the first of the month and the money men want their scratch. No ifs, ands, or buts. I'll tell you when I think of all that can go wrong in the party boat business, I believe the quickest way to the mad house for those interested in doing so is to become a party boat skipper. If anyone has a right to gild the lily, it is these harassed gentlemen. But as I say, few do.

It was the same way during the Depression Years. I do believe, however, that there was one big advantage those days. When the Depression struck, most skippers of the time ran their boats free and clear of mortgages, and so forth. Many were already along in years and had been in the fishing game a good, long time. I know the skipper of the Rose R II had been a commercial fisherman during the days of sail. For such fishermen, the transition to party boat skipper came easily.

Sure, you say, it was easier for those skippers those days—look at the prices that prevailed. I know all about those prices, not only because I lived through those times, but I am blessed with an extremely retentive memory. For instance: diesel fuel was five cents a gallon—delivered boatside by barge! Skimmer clams were 50 cents per bushel (and they were huge!); green crabs, two dollars per butter tub; 25 quarts of killies for fluke fishing, two bucks.

Party boat fares were two dollars; kids under 16, one buck. And that fare was the same whether you fished for fluke off Sandy Hook or cod on the Cholera Bank (we never went bluefishing those days that I recall). But what did it matter how low those prices were (as compared to today) if a guy couldn't afford to go fishing? And if there weren't enough of those fellows who could afford to go fishing, what did it matter if skimmer cost 50 cents a bushel, or a dime? But the enterprising skipper of those days worked his way out of his troubles by dint of hard work (by that I don't mean today's skippers don't work hard; perish the thought!) and much effort, plus a little overtime in the gray matter department. But those I knew never conned their way out, and the Lord knows they had good reason to.

And the same applies today—with one big exception. In those long gone days, the more overwhelming the Depression became, the lower prices became. But today, people are struggling, but nowhere do prices come down. This I'm sure is causing assorted politicians to burn the midnight oil, searching for a way out of the mess many of their long-departed brethren have gotten us into.

And this I believe is why desperate party boat skippers are sorely tempted to gild the lily. What the solution is, I don't know. But I do know that honesty is still the best policy. As Lincoln so aptly put it: "You can fool some of the people some of the time..."

But to blanket these hard-working skippers with "So what else is new?" is not to the best interest of all concerned. Methinks that particular scribe either got up on the wrong side of the bed that morning he replied so uncaringly to Mr. Salmis, or he simply is not in the right job. We dedicated fishermen and conscientious party boat skippers deserve better answers than that. Wouldn't you say?

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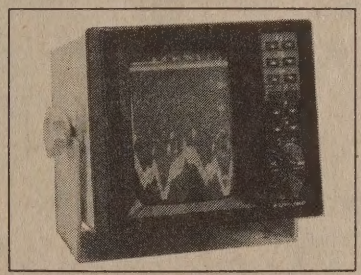

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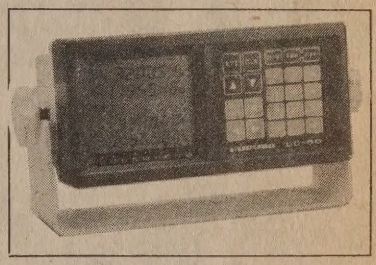

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AUTUMN IN BLUE

by Drew Springer

The fall months find blues running bigger and meaner than ever.

For most people, autumn is a time of golden sunsets, bright red maple leaves and pastel tinted gourds. For fishermen, however, autumn is blue. For as the days become shorter and the water cools down in response to northerly winds, bluefish go on their last rampage. All along the south shore, the fish feed recklessly as they school up for their migration to warmer waters.

Serious bluefish anglers find autumn the best time to catch blues. Party boats are half empty while the sea is stacked with slammers. Unlike the summer, there is now ample room to fish—and the fish are abundant indeed. In fact, some fishermen catch more blues on one trip in the fall than they caught throughout the summer!

Although party boat fishing remains excellent at night, the real thrill is fishing in the day, when artificials can be employed. And, of course, the predominent artificial on every boat is a diamond jig. The lure, a diamond-shaped hunk of metal electroplated to the luster of a platinum ring, sinks rapidly in deep water and attracts bluefish at all levels. Most of all, the lure resembles a sand eel, which, for many years, has been the major baitfish in northeastern waters.

Diamond jigs were not always so effective on bluefish. During the 1950s, for example, when slender sand eels were scarce, menhaden or mossbunker, a stout relative of the herring, was the primary bait. A chunk of this oily bait was far more effective than an artificial. Since then, the stocks of bunker have dwindled, mostly because of overharvesting by commercial fishermen, and sand eels have replaced them. Sand eels swim with an undulating motion, like a snake, and this movement is best imitated by a diamond jig with a surgical tube on the hook. Sand eels, as the name implies, are also capable of burrowing in the sand bottom, where they find protection from predators. Knowing this, most bluefish in deep water lurk near the bottom. Thus, a diamond jig is most effective when bounced vigorously off the bottom.

The jig works best when tied directly to the running line with any standard knot. No wire leader or hardware is employed. The best jigs, whether smooth or patterned, three or four sided or more, rear or centrally weighted, come with a single hook on a built-in barrel swivel. The freely rotating hook prevents the fish from prying itself free. Adorned with a split tail surgical tube in green, red or white, moreover, color and movement are added. However, experienced fishermen always have a few unadorned jigs on hand. Some days, the bluefish tease the fishermen, by hanging onto the tubing for a free ride and at the last moment, spitting it out.

Use caution when unhooking these brutes.

In the fall, most bluefish are taken in about 80 to 100 feet of water. And since the majority of the fish favor the bottom, the lure must be worked within a narrow zone. Thus, the favored method is jigging. This involves casting the lure, preferably from the side where lines come back to the rail and then free spooling it to the bottom. Aiming the rod tip at the line's point of entry in the water speeds up the descent, because there is minimal friction against the rod's small guides. When the angler sees the line slacken or feels the telltale bump of the metal jig striking bottom, he quickly engages the reel and cranks the handle 5 to 7 revolutions. This method, resembling a sand eel hopping off the sea floor, is the

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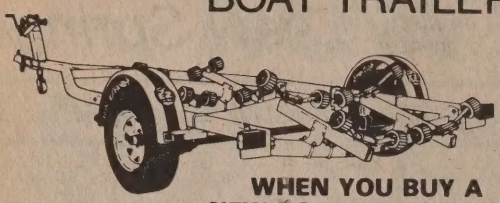

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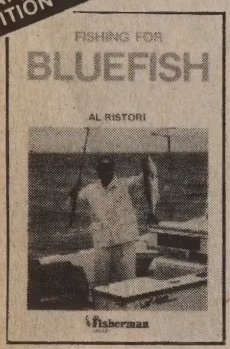

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deadliest of all. The majority of bluefish I have taken on a party boat struck the lure by the second revolution. If nothing happens, however, the angler drops the lure back to the bottom and tries again.

There are autumn days, however, when the blues are scattered along different levels. At these times, a second method, called squidding, is employed. This consists of dropping the lure all the way to the bottom, as before, but then retrieving it without pausing, all the way back to the surface. Somewhere along the way, a bluefish will intercept it. Subsequent casts can then be made to the depth at which the fish are feeding. Marking the line with an indelible marker is one way to save time. Many fishermen combine the two methods, jigging and squidding, or alternate them, until the fish are located.

A third method is used when blues shower the surface. Although this doesn't happen too often in deep water, alert fishermen are always watching for such an event. Some people switch over to slower sinking metal spoons, such as a Hopkins or a Kastmaster. The lure is cast beyond and slightly in front of the moving school, and is then quickly retrieved just beneath the surface, with the rod tip pointing down. Although this method accounts for a fair amount of blues taken near the surface, many fishermen reject it. Instead they proceed as before, with the jigging method; for they know that most of the fish are feeding lower down. Surface feeding blues are merely the tip of the iceberg.

A typical outfit for bluefishing in the fall consists of a medium action conventional rod, about 7½ feet long, matched with a fast retrieve reel such as the Penn Jigmaster or the Daiwa 50H spooled with 40 lb. test. Although many writers recommend 30 lb. test, I'm in favor of the heavier line. Even though the turnout is usually light on party boats in the fall, tangles still occur. The fish, moreover, are often 8 to 12 lbers. mixed with a few teen-sized specimens. On a good day, the difference in line weights matters little; everyone catches fish.

What matters, however, is the size of the lure, and this depends on where you fish. On the west end, for example, most people rely on a 3 oz. jig, although a 4 oz. jig may be more suitable when the fish are running larger than 10 lbs. In the early part of the fall, some boats concentrate on smaller blues in shallower water, because fishermen can then make bonus catches of bonito and false albacore. Here, a 1 or 2 oz. jig, or even a "tin squid," is effective. On the other hand, in the East End, where traditionally some of the largest bluefish have been taken in deep water, with strong currents, 8 oz. jigs are often used. Thus, having a variety of sizes in the tackle box is more important than a variety of colors or patterns.

The well-prepared angler also brings along some rigs for baitfishing. Despite what you may think, slow days do occur in the fall, and at such times bait is more effective than lures. Moreover, some party boat skippers, especially in the West End, like to explore wrecks, where outsized bluefish lurk. These wise old blues are temperamental and cagey; one never knows whether they will prefer lures or bait.

A typical rig in the west end consists of a 6/0 brown colored beak hook on a 5 inch single strand wire leader, also colored brown. Haywire twists secure the wire to the hook and to a dark barrel swivel at the other end, which goes to the running line. When fished on the surface, the rig is left as is, or perhaps with the addition of a small clinch sinker on the running line 18 inches above. When fished on the bottom, a trolling sinker may be employed or a standard bank sinker on an end loop a foot or so below the wired hook, which is secured to a dropper loop on the running line.

Baits on party boats range from mackerel strips to strips or chunks of bunker or Atlantic herring. For school fish, some boats provide sand eels, spearing or smelt. Strip baits, with skin intact, are rigged through one end and then in the center, so that the other half dangles freely in the current. The strip generally measures about one by two inches. Chunk baits are impaled through the skin and then near the backbone. Although they do not last as long as strip baits, chunks have the advantage of providing a mini-chum slick in the form of the entrails they contain. For this reason, chunk baits are fished more often on the bottom, whereas strip baits are drifted. Lastly, any of the aforementioned small baitfish are rigged in the standard manner: through the mouth and out the gill cover and then near the tail. Use a smaller hook, such as a 2/0 or 4/0 or even a 1/0 bonito hook for these baits.

In the east end, where baitfishing is more often employed than in the west end, a chain and drail rig is popular. This consists of a 10 to 12 oz. football-shaped sinker (the drail) attached to an 8 inch length of window sash chain, with an 8/0 O'Shaughnessy hook at the bottom. The drail, which has two eyelets, is connected to the chain with an S connector and to the running line with an improved clinch knot. This rig is fished 5 to 10 turns off the bottom at such places as Cartwright and south of Block Island.

Another effective bottom rig here is a cod rig. This consists of the wired hook, mentioned above, on a dropper loop a yard above an end loop for a 12 oz. flat-sided sinker. When the current is exceptionally strong off Montauk, this rig holds bottom better than any other rig. Surface fishing, which also occurs at times here, is performed with the floating rig mentioned above, albeit with a slightly larger 8/0 hook.

On a slow day, bait fishing can be highly effective, and in some ways more exciting than fishing with a lure. Try drifting a strip bait or a freshly caught fat bergall, the pink pounder that often inhabits a wreck or a stretch of structure, and you will see what I mean. A whole dead butterfish, bought in the fish market, is also deadly. At first the bait hardly seems to move at all; but soon the current pulls it out to sea. When about 100 to 200 feet of line is paid out, a bluefish will suddenly grab it on the run. Line suddenly races off the reel, and the fisherman is kept busy racing around the boat for the next 10 minutes.

On the other hand, the hardest fish to hook are those on the bottom looking for bait. The blue often toys with the offering, and the angler must be patient. When a solid jolt is felt, he strikes the fish in earnest.

Still, the most productive type of bluefishing in the autumn is performed with a diamond jig. Blues may have plenty of time to inspect a natural bait on the bottom, but they have little time with a jig moving at top speed. Thus, the hook-up is quick and sudden. The angler armed with an artificial, moreover, does not waste time inspecting and replacing bait after every battle and tangle.

Although bluefishing is a great thrill at any time, it is the greatest thrill in October. Autumn is indeed a fisherman's dream-come-blue.

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WINDING DOWN IN THE WESTERN SOUND

by Ted Keatley

As this issue reaches readers, the best Western Long Island Sound bluefish season in memory will be drawing to a close. Although some fish may stay around into early November, the first really big high pressure cold front in October usually prompts most of them to pack their bags and head south for the winter. Any good fishing after October 15th can be considered a happy bonus.

One unusual aspect of the season was the fact that the big bluefish arrived early and were consistently present. Usually, there is a dead spell at some point between mid-June and the end of July.

Baitfish were exceedingly plentiful and this probably was a major reason for the consistent action. Sand eels were everywhere and each harbor had a good supply of bunkers most of the time. The mossbunkers did not head up into the Gulf of Maine as they have done in many recent summers and there were no menhaden purse seiners in the Sound this year. However, it appears that the biggest concentration of the larger fish was in the area from Norwalk and Eaton's Neck westward to Larchmont and Hempstead Harbor.

One concern is the fact that snappers were not too plentiful in Western Long Island Sound. Other reports from Chesapeake Bay northward comment on the decreased number of young of the year bluefish. Is this a one year aberration or are we seeing a cyclical peak in the population? How many readers remember the disappearance of bluefish along the Atlantic Coast after the hurricane of 1938? It was almost 10 years before they returned. Even then, catches were small fish under five pounds for the most part. It was well into the 1950s before there were substantial numbers of larger fish and another 10 years until the alligators invaded Western Long Island Sound.

The western end of the Sound has had 20 years of constantly improving bluefishing. When the stock market rises spectacularly as it has recently, an old adage is heard: a tree cannot grow into Heaven. It has to topple eventually and I suspect that the market and the bluefish population are approaching a great fall.

All species of fish are subject to wide natural population fluctuations. With today's sophisticated gear and increased recreational and commercial pressures, the downward side of the abundance curve becomes even more dramatic and precipitous. The current poor condition of the striped bass and weakfish stocks represent the wrong end of the cycle. Because most Western Long Island Sound striped bass are part of the Hudson River population, we are in a unique position. The PCB prompted closure of the Hudson to commercial fishing in 1976 and several extremely successful spawning seasons in recent years has meant good striped bass populations in the Sound. However, Chesapeake normally provides 70 to 80 percent of Atlantic Coast bass and with the exception of 1982, there hasn't been even an average year class since the early 1970s.

An added bonus this year was the large number of fluke available. There always is some fluke fishing, particularly on the sandy bottom of North Shore Long Island from Hempstead Harbor eastward. On the Connecticut side, there usually were some fluke at Captains Island in Greenwich and around Cockenoe off Norwalk. This year, the fluke were everywhere. There was even serious fluke fishing at Stamford, something unknown in prior seasons. In past years, a fluke was a welcome bonus taken while fishing for some other species.

The presence of fluke made me acutely aware of the hazards inherent in writing a fishing column three or four weeks before it reaches readers. In my September article, I noted that fluke were plentiful in Western Long Island Sound, but most were below the 14 inch minimum. By the time that the issue came off the press, the ratio reversed itself and the majority of the fish were keepers. While most of the fluke were 14 to 16 inches, three and four pound fish weren't uncommon and there was an occasional monster doormat.

When this magazine reaches readers, I still will be looking for that world record bluefish, but trying to remember where I put my blackfish tackle last spring. With the bluefishing that we have had, I will stick with the alligators as long as they are cooperative.

Labor Day weekend provides a good example of the fishing which I have had this past summer. On Sunday, I ran to Greenwich Harbor since the Stamford areas had been slow for a few days. I had just begun to fish when a CB conversation between two men that I knew alerted me to fast fishing in Rye's Milton Harbor. Although I missed a good part of the feeding frenzy, Mike Pataky and I had 14 big bluefish in the boat when we headed home.

On Sunday, Mike and I headed directly to Milton Harbor when we left the dock. We landed over 20 fish before the action slowed and started home. As we passed the pier and were entering the lagoon at Cummings Park, Mike saw a boat hook a fish. We turned and made a few trolls off the beach while dodging windsurfers and water skiers. After seven fish, we decided that enough was enough and headed for the dock.

Tuesday was a vacation day to take care of some personal business. I was through about noon and decided to put new spark plugs in the boat engine. Fortunately, I also threw some fishing tackle in the back of the station wagon. When I pulled up to the bulkhead in front of my boat, I thought for a moment that they were testing the de-icing bubbler system at high pressure. Then a big bluefish porpoised in an explosion of bunkers at the bow of my boat. This was at the extreme upper end of the lagoon. The fish were within 20 feet of walking on dry land.

I grabbed a rod and an Atom popper and was into a fish on my first cast. Unfortunately, he soon left and took the plug with him. I gathered some more tackle from the car and jumped into my boat to follow the fish as they moved out toward the open Sound. I picked up Mike Pataky who was at Cummings Park Marina and we trolled off the beach. Two hours later, we were back at the dock with 13 big bluefish. Incidentally, as I write this, the spark plugs still have not been replaced.

The fish caught over the three days were big, ranging from 10 to 17 pounds. They all were caught on monofilament line. I avoid wire whenever possible. When trolling depths of 20 feet or less, there is no need for wire. If the fish are not on top, a deeper running lure may be more effective as you approach 20 feet. Most of my trolling is done in water ranging from 6 to 15 feet.

Some of the fish taken during the Labor Day weekend were caught on plugs (7'' Rebels primarily), but the majority grabbed one of Don Camp-

bell's Periwinkle Jigs trolled on 125 feet of mono. In past years, I was a firm believer in live bunkers as the technique for taking big bluefish. However, I have had so much success with trolled jigs this year that I rarely bother to snag bunkers. Of course, if it becomes possible to fish for cow striped bass again, that's another story. For big bass, bunker dunkin' is the way to go.

Fall fishing is primarily a choice between flounder and blackfish now that the striped bass fishery is closed. I always choose the blackfish since they offer more sport. Late October into the middle of November is the peak of blackfishing on the deep water reefs. Although they can be taken until Thanksgiving and beyond, the average size tends to decrease as the turkey day approaches.

Most of my fishing will be done at Cable and Anchor Reef (buoy 28C) or buoy 11B. These lie in mid-Sound between Norwalk's Greens Ledge Light and Eatons Neck on the Long Island shore. Occasionally, I have been enticed by Sound Reef which lies about half the distance from buoy 32 (the Stamford Cows) to buoy 32A in mid-Sound. Some swear by the reefs just inside buoy 32A, but I never have had too much success there. In all instances, I am fishing rocky bottom at a depth of 30 to 45 feet. Areas closer to shore with less depth produce well the beginning of November, but after that, deep water provides the only fast action.

My approach to blackfishing is a little unorthodox since I do not begin fishing until the last half of October, concentrate on the deep water reefs and use a 6/0 Sproat hook and half a green crab instead of #6 Virginia and a fiddler. The big hooks and large baits miss a lot of small fish, but I don't want them anyway.

I am a great believer in sharp hooks and the Sproat come out of the box needle sharp. Of course, it must be checked frequently when used for blackfishing. The point will dull or bend rather easily if hung in the rocks. However, a Sproat is easy to resharpen and cheap enough to throw away if the point really is bad.

A small sinker may be adequate in shallow water, but a lot of lead is needed in the areas where I fish. At the peak of a moon tide around 28C or 11B, a 16 oz. sinker will roll around. However, 5 to 8 ounces are adequate under most conditions. I rig to facilitate fast sinker changes and use just enough lead to hold bottom firmly.

The bait and sinker should stay put and the line taut. Move the rod tip up and down if necessary to keep the rocking of the boat from causing the sinker to bounce. A sensitive finger on the line does wonders in feeling the slightest action down below. Big blacks often will pick up the bait and begin munching without any easily perceptible tugging on the line.

When blackfishing, it is essential to set the hook hard and never allow any slack in the line. Begin the retrieve holding the rod high above your head if that is necessary to keep a tight line. A blackfish has a tough rubbery mouth designed to crush mussels, barnacles and other shellfish without discomfort. The hook often barely penetrates initially and a little slack is all that is needed for you to wind up with a skinned hook and no fish.

Since I am not interested in catching small blackfish or bergalls, I consider green crabs to be the only acceptable bait for fall fishing. To use a crab correctly, cut it in half cleanly. Then insert the hook through the claw socket and bring the point out at a leg joint. Don't worry about hiding the hook. It doesn't bother the blackfish and if the point is exposed, your chance of hooking the fish is greatly enhanced. Some people remove the claws and legs, but so far as I am concerned, that is a lot of work for no useful purpose.

Fish of 4 lbs. and up are common on the deep reefs if you use a bait that frustrates the small fry long enough for a big black to find it.

Until early November, almost any large rocky area close to shore can provide good blackfishing. However, the fish are moving out by the end of October and the deep water reefs are the place to be.

Blackfish will be the highlight for most Western Sound anglers in October.

ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

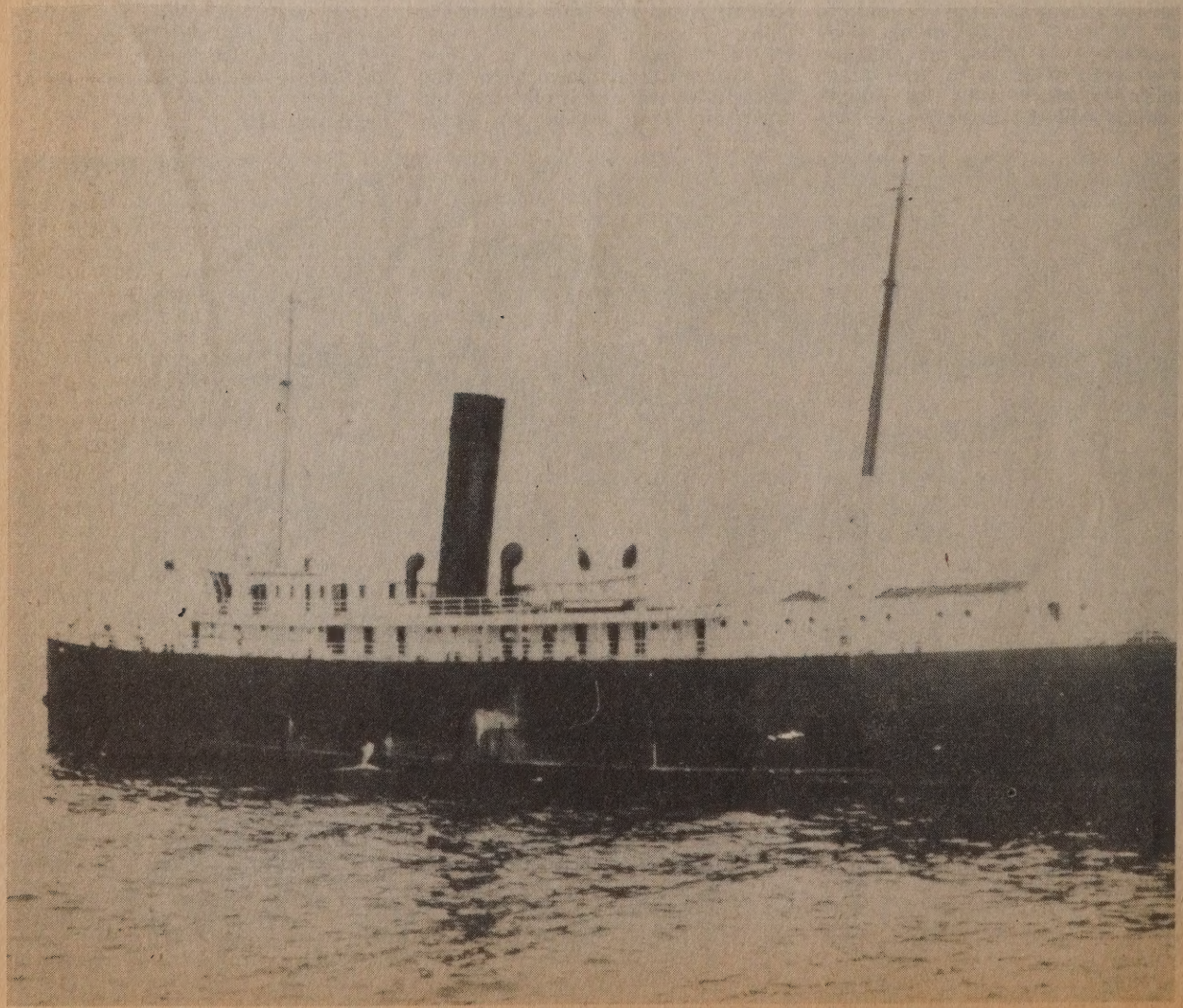
THE S.S. GRECIAN

by John Raguso

On the evening of May 26, 1932, the Steamship Grecian left Boston, Massachusetts with a general cargo bound for Baltimore and Norfolk. She was owned and operated by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, based in Baltimore, Maryland. The Grecian sailed with a crew of 34 and was a veteran of the "coastwise" trade routes between Boston and Norfolk, Virginia.

Early the next morning, while proceeding past Block Island on her hourney southward, the Grecian ran into a heavy fog that is typical of this area. After reducing her speed for safety reasons, she was groping her way through the thick soup, when she was rammed and sunk by the steamer City of Chattanooga of the Savannah Line at approximately 2:50 AM the morning of May 27th. The City of Chattanooga was also outbound from Boston, with her crew of 29 taking 85 passengers to New York and Savannah, Georgia. The Grecian foundered in less than 20 minutes and four of her crew perished in the collision.

Let's go back in time now to a New York Times article which published an interview with the City of Chatta- In the waters just to the south of Block Island, three sunken wrecks form an arrowhead that seems to point to magnetic north, as if to show which way to get home after a successful day's fishing. At the southwestern tip of the triangle's base is the hulk of the U.S.S. Bass, a story we covered in the Atlantic Wreck Series a few weeks ago. At the southeastern corner is the famed Acid Barge. The northern point of the triangle is the shipwreck we're going to cover this week; namely the story of the S.S. Grecian.



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nooga's master, a Captain L.P. Borum. In his statement to the press,

"We were almost stopped at the time of the crash. The Grecian was going across our bow. She loomed up out of the fog about two minutes before the collision. We put our engines in reverse, but it was too late.

"The City of Chattanooga cut into the port side of the Grecian just aft of the smokestack, cutting a hole about two or three feet deep. The impact was slight and the sea was moderate.

"In the thirteen minutes before the Grecian sank, we stood practically still, with out bow held into the hole of the Grecian, while our engines ran slowly ahead. We lowered two lifeboats, one of which picked up three men of the Grecian. Others climbed up ropes to our deck."

According to the New York Times report, the survivors of the Grecian praised Captain Borum of the Chattanooga for keeping her bow in the torn side of the Grecian until they were saved. This enabled many of the sunken steamer's crew to climb up hand ropes to the safety of the Chattanooga's decks, while those who were in the water were rescued by lifeboats launched from the Savannah Liner. The passengers of the City of Chattanooga also echoed similar praises to the skipper for his cool action and courage under extreme conditions.

The master of the City of Chattanooga put out small boats within seven minutes after the collision. With searchlights, members of the crew swept the heavy seas, picking up the shipwrecked sailors. Three blasts were blown on the Chattanooga's steam whistle to indicate her position to the swimming men.

Radio messages received in New York City at 3:27AM by the Radio Marine Corporation via its Chatham, Mass. station read as follows:

(Chattanooga) "At about 1:50AM EST, struck steamer Grecian and she sank in a few minutes off Block Island. We anchored. Crew and passengers all right."

Seven minutes later, the next message from the City of Chattanooga to the Coast Guard was intercepted: "We are blowing three blasts at intervals and searching for members of crew who are not yet rescued, with lights and boats."

At 3:41AM, the Coast Guard destroyer Upshur reported that it would arrive at the Grecian's position in about 45 minutes. The City of Chattanooga reported at 4:01AM: "Crew of about 35, but three or four missing yet. We have boat out looking for them."

After returning her passengers back to Boston subsequent to the accident, the Chattanooga was examined for seaworthiness, and inspectors found only superficial damage to her hull.

As a counterpoint to the account given by the Chattanooga's master, Captain H.E. Callis of the steamer Grecian gave his version of the story which was published the next day. He inferred that if the Chattanooga had turned her wheel to port, the accident might have been avoided.

According to the New York Times report, Captain Callis went on to say, "I don't consider that I am at fault. I did all I could and the Chattanooga did all it could do. The only thing I see is that if Captain Borum had only ported his wheel, the collision would not have happened. I can't understand why he gave the starboard signals."

Captain Callis related that the Grecian was running at 10½ knots at the time of the accident. He heard the City of Chattanooga's fog signal about three minutes before the crash, stopped his vessel to locate the sound, put his wheel to port and started ahead again. He then heard the whistle on the port bow and put the Grecian at full speed astern.

Captain Callis continued "When the Chattanooga's lights appeared, we were going astern. I saw the two ships come together."

Captain Callis declared the time between the last three signals from the Chattanooga was very short and that the approaching craft seemed to be coming towards him very fast.

At a trial held by the steamboat inspection board to determine who was at fault for the loss of property and lives, Captain Callis testified in his own behalf. He called one witness, his second officer John R. Touchton, who corroborated the captain's statements. Captain Callis described the sequence of events where the Grecian was capable of 14 knots at full speed, but was traveling at 12½ knots when she ran into thick weather as the vessel approached Block Island. He said as the fog began to close in around him, he dropped his speed to 9 knots and then to 7½. He claimed that at the first whistle heard from the City of Chattanooga, the Grecian was stopped. Then, he said, the Grecian started slowly ahead. At the next whistle, the other ship showed just off his bow and the Grecian's engines were started full speed astern and were so operating at the time of the crash. However, after testimony given by crew members of the City of Chattanooga, the local board of inspectors of steam vessels preferred charges of reckless navigation against the Grecian's Captain Callis.

From a fishing standpoint, the Grecian's position near the 15 fathom curve and the deeper water south of Block Island makes her a desirable location for both groundfish and pelagics. You can expect to find the normal fare of blackfish, sea bass, hake, pollock and the occasional cod on the Grecian's rusting hulk. Don't be surprised to find schools of bonito, bluefish, school bluefin tuna and an occasional shark in this area, in addition to periodic visits by white marlin, water temperatures permitting.

Next week, we're going to steam a few miles north of Block Island near the Rhode Island shoreline, to investigate the tragic 1907 collision, loss of life and sinking of the Paddle Steamer Larchmont.

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Vital Statistics

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Beam: 42 feet
Displacement: 2,827 gross tons
Type of Vessel: Freighter
Hull Construction: Steel
Depth of Water: 100 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 55 feet
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Block Island (SW Point)	5.7	154°	334°
Point Judith (Horn 325)	17.3	203°	023°

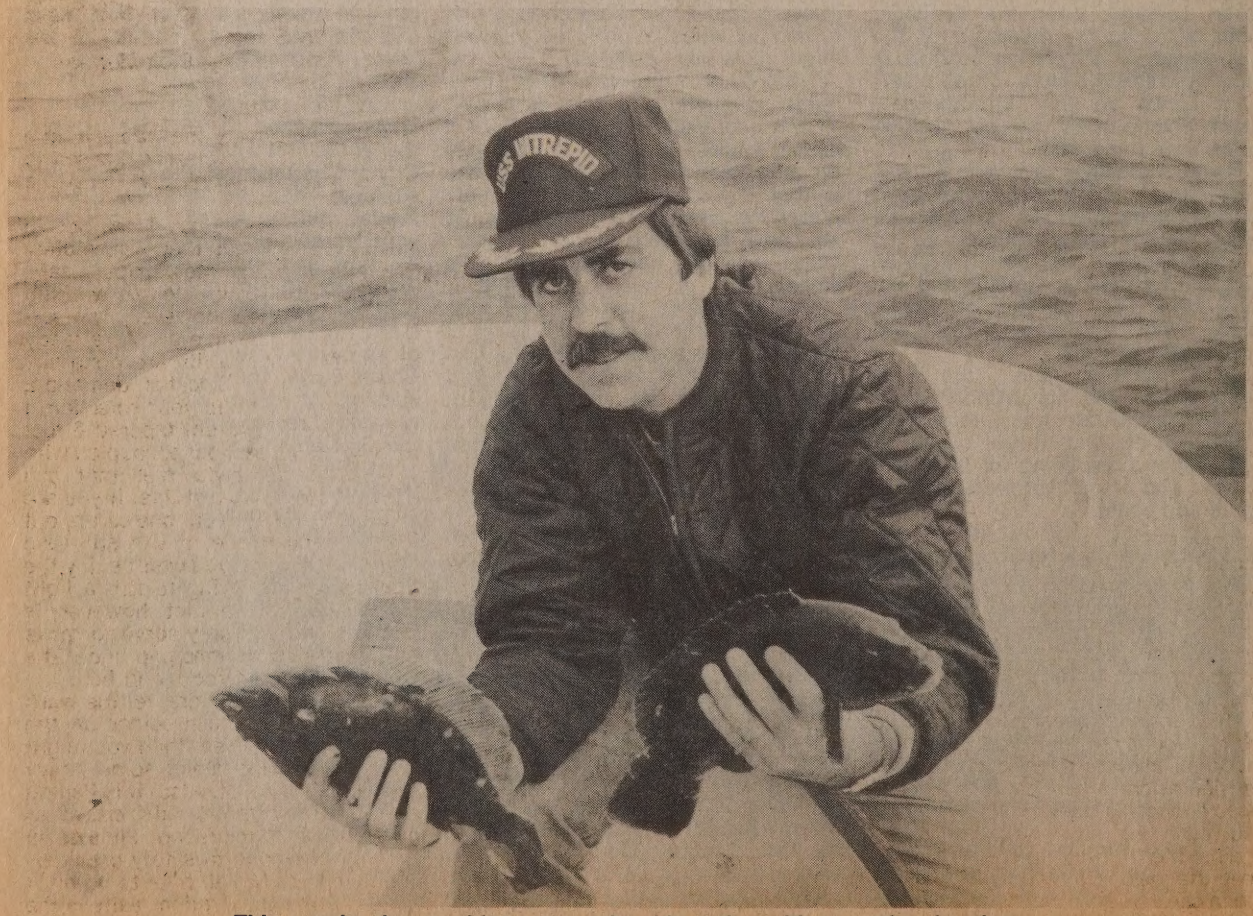
MORICHES BAY FALL FAVORITES

by Tom Schlichter

Anglers looking to cash in on some good eating during the fall months need go no further than Moriches Bay on the south side of Long Island. Long heralded as one of the top flatfish producers in our region, the fast flowing waters of this bottom fisherman's heaven also offer a fish of a different color and texture: blackfish. That's right, blackfish. There are plenty of them here from late September right through mid-November and sometimes beyond. And anglers who crave an occasional change from the traditional late season flounder fillets will certainly enjoy puttiing several "tog" in the freezer. Making a few minor changes in your fishing plans should allow you to catch enough flounder to keep the family happy, while also collecting a few of the crustacean crunchers to serve as a change of pace.

While these two species both inhabit the same general area, the exact locations where each set up house are quite different. Flounder prefer the calm, shallow, muddy bottom of the bay proper, while the blacks live almost exclusively in the deeper pockets that border the mussel encrusted jetties of the tide swept inlet. Luckily for us, these contrasting habitats are only separated by a thin stretch of water here and the time needed to commute from one fishing hole to the next is often less than 15 minutes.

Both the flounder and blacks seem to favor incoming tide at this time of year. Luckily, they USUALLY feed best on different stages. The flounder in the calm sheltered coves and protection of the main bay are usually taken after the tide begins to push a fair amount of water over the flats. The blacks, on the other hand, are best pursued just as the tide begins to swing into gear or as it rolls to a halt. Thus, the smart angler can either catch the first part of the tide at the inlet and fish for blackfish until the tide pushes hard enough to make flounder fishing more productive, or fish for flounder on the middle of a tide and then switch to blackfish an hour or so before slack water is scheduled to occur. Having my choice, I prefer to take the second option as it allows me to keep the calico crabs I catch while flounder fishing and use them for bait later in the day when I switch over to the



This popular duo provides some enjoyable action with exceptional eating.

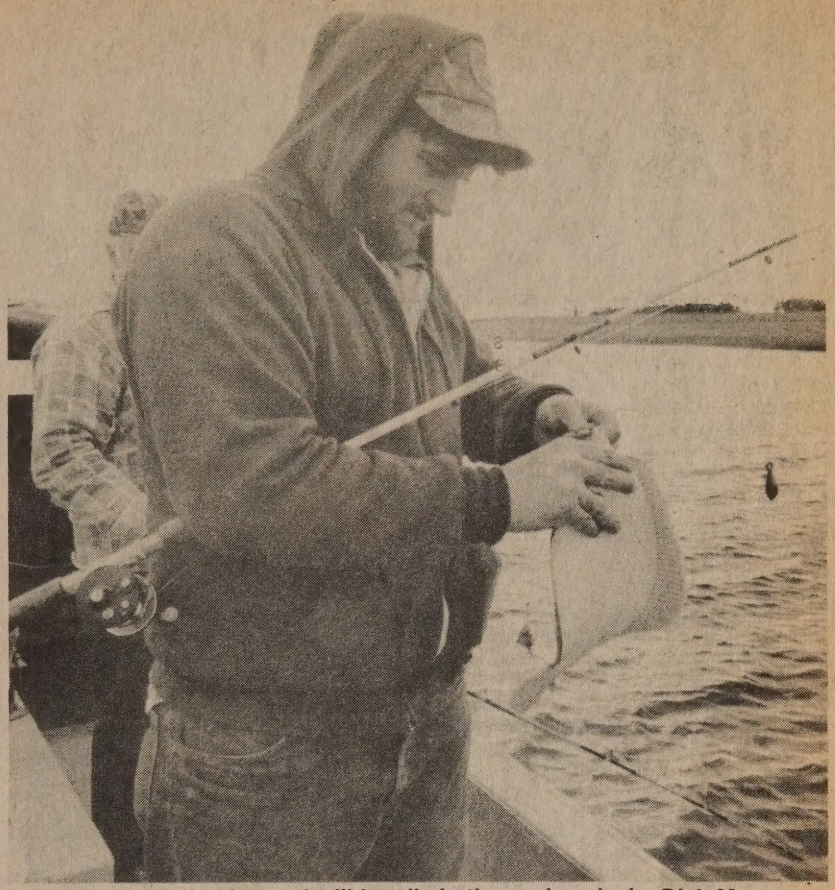
blacks.

I do most of my flounder pounding in the general area of Hart's Cove, Haven's Point and the main east/west channel. Because the water here is a little on the shallow side with comparatively mild tidal currents, my usual flounder outfit consists of a 6½ foot, medium-light spinning reel filled with 8 lb. test monofilament line. To this I attach a slip sinker rig consisting of a 1 to 3 oz. egg sinker, a black barrel swivel and a #6 English wide-gap style hook. Most of the other fishermen trying their luck here employ the standard, time honored single or tandem tied rigs with Chestertown style hooks. These work well too, but the slip sinker rig has always been my favorite for shallow water flounder fishing.

Choosing a bait that will appeal to the flatties poses little problem. Clams, bloodworms and mussels all produce. I like the clams the best as they are relatively inexpensive and usually stay on the hook for a fish or two. Most tackle shops sell packages of pre-shucked skimmers for about $2 and these work well on most days. If I have the time, however, I'll take a trip to the fish market and purchase a dozen chowder clams. These make excellent bait for the flatties and are not very difficult to open. The added bonus is, of course, that you can bring home the ones that remain unused at the end of the day and cook them up with the fish that you catch. Blackfish and baked clams has always been one of my favorite meals, closely rivaled by fried flounder and clam strips. Just be sure to keep the clams you're not using out of the sun while you fish. This way they are most likely to stay alive. Better yet, just keep them in a damp rag in the bottom of your cooler.

The same baits used for the flatties will also put you into the blacks. The clams (large portions) have a decided edge over mussels and worms in this case however, as the blackfish are adept bait-stealers. Because of the way in which blacks can gobble up any soft bait, it is advisable that you bring along at least two dozen chowders if you go the fresh bait route or three packs of clam if the frozen variety is to be used. Far superior to clams and mollusks in the realm of blackfishing is the lowly crab. Green or fiddler crabs may be purchased during blackfish season at most tackle shops in our area. Not to be overlooked is the productivity of the calico crabs that you will undoubtedly encounter while flounder pounding. I usually save all that I can catch, dropping them into the well at the back of the boat.

While flounder fishermen have little worry about setting their anchor, blackfish anglers must give it much consideration. The idea is to anchor close enough to the jetty rocks so that you can flip your baits right up against them. To do this, it is best to keep the motor running while anchoring in case the boat comes too close to the jetty. Double anchoring helps keep the boat from swinging closer to the rocks than is safe. In Moriches Inlet, the west jetty produces the better blackfish scores.



A medium action bay rod will handle both species nicely. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

Since the majority of blackfish taken here will weigh less than 3 lbs., it's a good idea to half or quarter your crab baits. This is accomplished by lifting off the crab's top shell (remember to first remove the claws from any live calico crabs you may use), and simply snapping or cutting the crabs into halves or quarters. I've also found breaking off the legs to increase my catch.

Standard rigging employed to take these bottom dwellers is a single hook bottom rig consisting of a 2 to 4 oz. sinker connected to the line by an end loop. Roughly 6 inches above the sinker, a #6 or #4 Virginia style hook is tied in via a dropper loop. Once the rig is completed, a generous portion of clam is draped around the hook with the barb worked several times through the "mussel" of the bait. (When cutting your clams for bait, be sure to leave a piece of this tough flesh on each strip.) If you are using fiddlers, simply string two or three on the hook by inserting the barb through the base of the tail. Leave the barb exposed. For quartered or halved green and calico crabs, the barb is inserted through one of the middle leg sockets and out the rear leg socket. Use only one crab at a time and leave the barb clearly exposed to ensure quick penetration when setting the hook.

Being basically lazy, I try not to carry any more rods than I absolutely need. In fact, on most trips I take along a single choice. When working this dynamic duo, however, two setups should be considered. As already noted, flounder outfits are generally on the light side. Blackfish demand a little more muscle in your selection. I usually use a medium tapered 6 foot rod with some backbone, coupled with a conventional style reel that can handle 12 to 15 lb. test line. If you are only going to bring out one setup, opt for this second one. It will still take flounder although you won't enjoy the fight as much. Trying to fish a light tackle setup in the inlet, however, is fruitless and will only serve to make one frustrated as lines pop under the stress of the tide, rocks and fish.

Before I wrap up here, let me warn you that it gets much colder on the water this time of year than you might suspect, so bring along some heavy sweaters or a jacket. Also, this fishing is not for the rental skiff crowd as these small craft are not allowed in the inlet area due to safety considerations. I know we all hate to admit it but sometimes discretion really is the better part of valor.

LESSER KNOWN SALMON RIVER HOLES

by Rich Giessuebel

Over the years, most angler readers have become familiar with the major pools associated with the Salmon River which runs through the Village of Pulaski in upstate New York. True, these pools do hold the vast majority of fish and for that matter, fishermen. Most anglers visiting the 13 mile expanse of fishable water stick pretty much to the pools which are easily accessible and well touted; however, there's much more to this great recreational waterway than just these commonly fished locations.

For example, there's a pool situated at the bottom of the rapids leading out of the Sportsman's Pool called Elbow Pool that readily gives up trout and salmon, yet is rather lightly fished. In fact, once while floating through this area with Capt. Ron Clark at the helm, we counted over 50 fishermen in the Sportsman's Pool and we were surprised to find no one only 150 yards away in the Elbow. So, if you're interested in finding out about several other alternatives right here on this famed river, read on.

The furthest inland spot you can fish along the big river is located at the Altmar Bridge. Often overlooked by anglers, the bridge itself is a haven for big trout and salmon. Remember, you can only fish from the downriver side of the bridge. Everywhere above the bridge is restricted because this is where Beaver Dam Brook enters the river flowing away from the famed multi-million dollar Salmon River Trout and Salmon Hatchery at Altmar, located at the beginning of it, up about 100 yards from the main river itself.

"Look at that big salmon," Mike Kersey called to me as we were spotting fish with our Polaroid glasses off the top span of the bridge. "He's got to go 35 lbs. or better!" With that, several anglers moved in on the fish. They cast out heavy metal treble hooks (with gap span less than 1/2 inch, the legal limit) and attempted to snag the big fellow who only had to swim another 5 yards to be out of

harm's way. On the first attempt, one angler succeeded in penetrating the back of the huge salmon. As Mike and I looked on, the fish immediately jumped clear of the water. He made several quick bursts around the pool jumping several more times. Then he headed off downstream with the angler in hot pursuit.

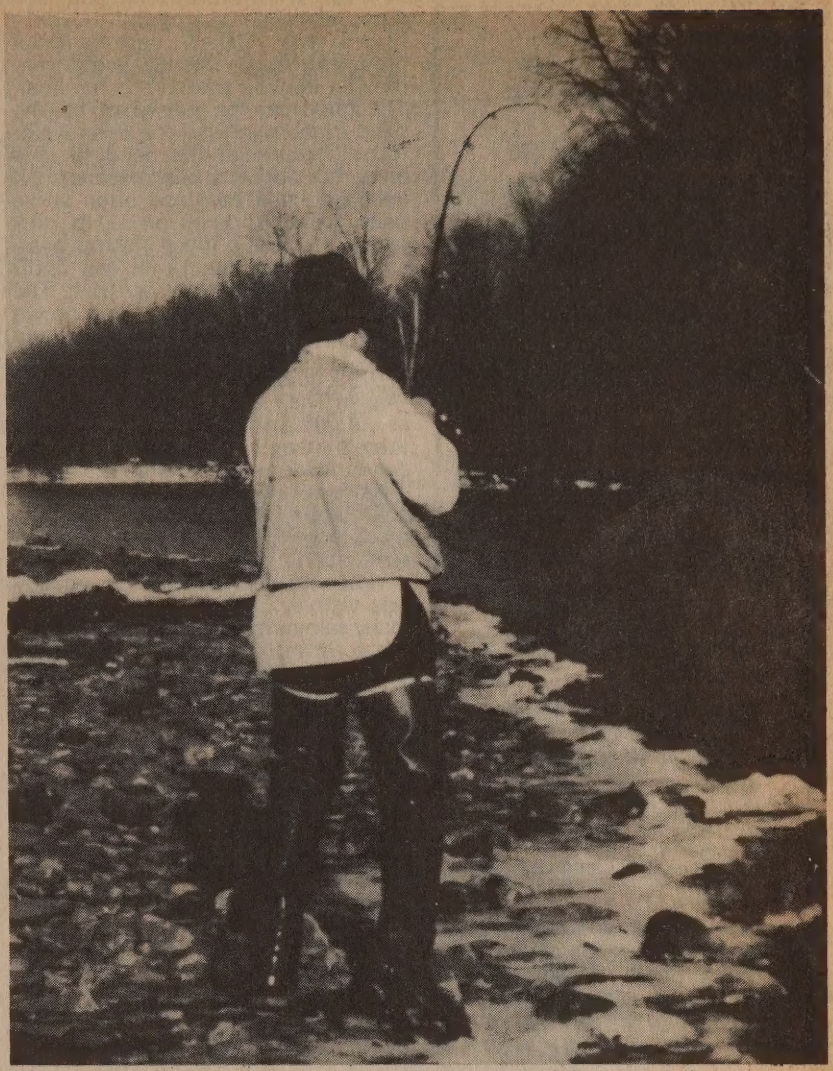
True, this isn't quite the sporting way to fish, but close to one hundred thousand angler hours are expended here each snatching season, which lasts from August 15 to October 15, fishing in this manner. Of course, there is a section of river set aside for this debacle and that section runs from the Pineville Bridge inland to the Altmar Bridge, a distance of about 2 miles.

Also within this section is a lesser known area which is relatively easy to fish. The area is located by crossing the Pineville Bridge and turning immediately right onto Sheepskin Road. Go until you can see the river down in deep gorge to your right, a distance of maybe 1/4 mile. Park wherever signs allow you to and walk down to the river. You will find the river bending away from Sheepskin Road. For around 500 yards, there's pool after pool and fewer anglers than found elsewhere.

Don't overlook Pineville Bridge either! Since this is where the snagging zone begins, above the bridge will be crowded, but often below the bridge won't. During the steelhead season, when snatching isn't permitted, look for excellent catches to be made from right under the bridge itself. Should the area be covered with snow, you can still fish under the bridge and along the banks in this vicinity. Lures and bait alike take many steelies from this location.

Should you continue inland on Sheepskin Road, you will eventually cross Orwell Creek. This creek runs into the Salmon River just above the Trestle Pool. Trout and salmon frequent this creek which is often void of anglers. The same holds true for Trout Brook which enters the larger river just below the Pineville Bridge. If you have the opportunity to investigate these little bodies of water, you may be in for a pleasant surprise.

Below Trout Brook, the big river runs through the Sportsman's Pool. As stated earlier, the pool beneath the rapids leading out of this pool is on occasions quite good. The best manner to reach this pool is to park at Sportsman's on the Rt. 13 side and walk along the side of the river until you reach the Elbow. Trout and salmon can be readily taken here in season with spawn bags, lures, and other baits such as marshmallows, worms, or shiners. The pool is best fished from above its lower edge. Stand back 10 yards from where the water flows out of the pool and cast across the stream. Allow your offering to come across the river about 10 feet above the lower end of the pool. Expect a strike anywhere throughout the drift.



These lesser known spots afford the luxury of fighting a fish in uncramped quarters.

One thing to keep in mind while fishing the Salmon River is the various restrictions that are placed upon rigs and lures. For example, while fishing bait, you must have a 24 inch leader between your hook (which can't have a gap between shank and barb of more than 1/2 inch) and a ring or swivel. Weights can only be placed above the ring or swivel and can be no closer than 24 inches to the hook. Many knowledgeable anglers simply use a weighted fly at the end of their line and avoid all the other complications.

As for lures, be careful to use only floating lures with one set of trebles, like Luhr Hensen's Hotshot. All other conventional lures with more than one set of trebles are illegal. With sinking lures, such as spinners, you're allowed only a single, non-treble, hook. If you're careless, and fail to adhere to these simple regulations, then one of the 12 to 15 DEC wardens assigned to the big river during the salmon season will escort you off the river and to the courthouse.

Believe me, your limit is 3 fish per day. The game wardens usually bag 5 anglers per day (each). And remember, on most days, they'll have their limit before you have yours! So, pay attention to all the rules, regulations and restrictions placed upon fishing in this extremely bountiful river and you shouldn't have any problem with the gendarmes.

Between the Sportsman's Pool and the next river crossing, located by the Compactor Pool where County Rt. 2A crosses, there's ample parking and angling pressure is low. One good way to avail yourself the opportunity to fish this area is to park in the Compactor parking lot, cross the bridge over the river and begin heading upstream.

There are all sorts of side tributaries created here during high water and chest waders and a good walking staff are required to safely ascend the river. However, you can walk around the tribs by walking about 100 yards past the river and then turning upstream. In this section, you will find what I refer to as the "Ace in The Hole." About 500 yards above the bridge, the river produces a long glide

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along its northern or opposite bank. I have never fished here without producing! Since this location is very remote, angling pressure is minimal. The glide can be identified by the bend in the river and the deep water found throughout the bending area along the opposite bank. Salmon get deep into this pool and often strike baits drifted through on 12 lb. test tackle. If there's much fishing pressure, put away the 12 lb. test outfit and stick to 20 lb. test or more. The glide also produces many fine brown trout during the salmon season and untold numbers of steelhead later on.

"I'm going to try a shiner at the 'Ace In The Hole' today," I told Mike as we got out of the car. "Although there's many cars in the lot, I'll bet only a few guys headed upstream."

"I'm sticking to a chartreuse wool ball," countered Mike, "I've had great luck with it up here, if you can remember."

When we reached the glide, nobody was visible. The water was low and many salmon could be seen finning in the early morning light. I got above the glide and started a shiner downstream using my 12 lb. test outfit. Mike entered the glide midway and began fishing around 150 feet below me. Almost immediately, a big salmon came over and grabbed my four inch bait. I hooked him and the fight was on. Mike had no trouble getting the salmon to investigate and bump his offering and within no time at all the two of us were fighting salmon. We remained in this area, sometimes catching and other times losing the salmon for a good three hours before I turned to Mike and said that we better get out of here before the water comes up.

Now, don't take me wrong. You can fish here during high water. In fact, steelheading is equally good in this location. But while after salmon, I prefer low water when fishing here.

Another hotspot that tends to be less crowded is located right behind Tony's Salmon Country across from McDonald's on Rt. 13 just west of the Rt. 81 overpass. Between the Rt. 81 Bridge and 250 yards downstream, endless pools and holding areas can be found and fished. Directly beneath the bridge is a good pool which often gives up many salmon and steelhead. True, on occasions, this location can be crowded, but as a rule, it isn't.

Now, remember that the best time to fish this river is from Tuesday through Friday and you'll find this section rewarding. On Saturday, the fishing is good, but the crowd conditions are unbearable. On Sunday, you still have crowded conditions, but the fishing is poor. On Monday, the fishing is atrocious, but the crowds are reduced. The reasons for these changes in fishing conditions revert directly to the flow of the water through the turbines creating electricity at the head of the river.

When the river conditions are high, the fish move into the river from offshore and fish in the river move upstream. Since water is released Monday through Friday and the river remains high daily from around 9:30AM until 9:30PM, the river is restocked in this manner from Tuesday through Saturday. Therefore, since the power plant doesn't run on Saturday or Sunday, it doesn't get restocked for Sunday or Monday. On Sunday, anglers catch what's left over from Saturday and on Monday, they must find fish that have survived both Saturday and Sunday. This is a very hard feat to accomplish. Bottom line, fish Tuesday through Saturday with Wednesday and Thursday being the least fished with the most fish available. Need I say more.

Below this area, you come to the middle of Pulaski. It's always crowded here, except during conditions of high water. Often, once the river has risen, the majority of anglers clear out. But, those in the know, reduce the pound test outfits they're using to 12 lb. test and begin fishing in earnest in places like the Staircase Pool found just lakeside of Long Bridge. Don't overlook this area during the steelhead season. Quite often this area is underutilized during this season. One good way to fish this area is to do it with two cars. Drop everybody off at the Long Bridge. Then, drive both cars down to the Lake Street parking area. Park one car and the two of you drive back to the bridge. Now, everyone fishes downstream through the Staircase, the Black Hole and the Little Black Hole (a one mile plus distance), where you reverse the car process.

Below the Lake Street parking area is another good location where every available species including smallmouth bass can be caught in season. We refer to this area as the "Flats." In the flats, the river gets very wide and pools reduce in size to mire dug out areas behind boulders or undercut sections along banks. Fish are plentiful and since the river gets so wide and there's so many boulders, there's usually much available elbow room. In this section, you can really practice fly fishing.

There are times when trout and even salmon which are fresh out of the lake at this location will chase and investigate streamers. Browns will sometimes be seen dimpling the surface while feeding on flies and still at other times, big browns can be caught on nymph imitations. During the steelhead season, big rainbows strike almost every offering presented in this seciton. Fishing can be fun here, if you are here when most of the other anglers aren't. Too, don't let the parking lot fool you. Most guys who park there stay right beneath the cliff, or head upstream, while around the bend and downstream can be quite pleasant.

Well, these are some of the other good locations you can fish along the Salmon River. Give them a try and hopefully you will view this tremendous recreational river in a whole new light. Good luck and fishing!

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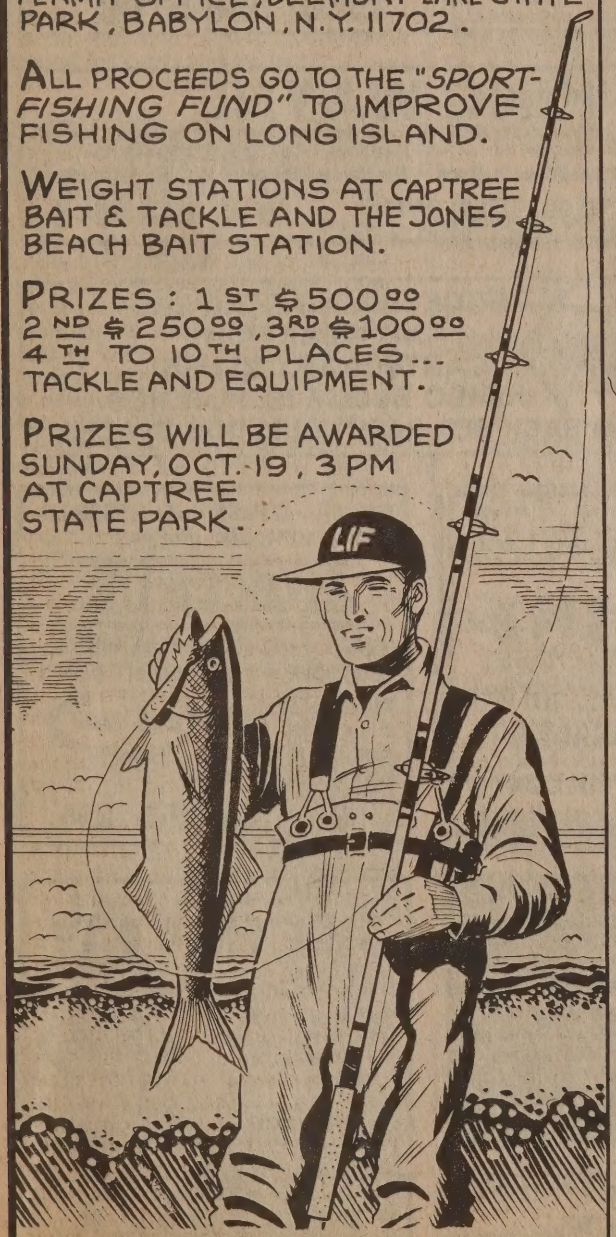

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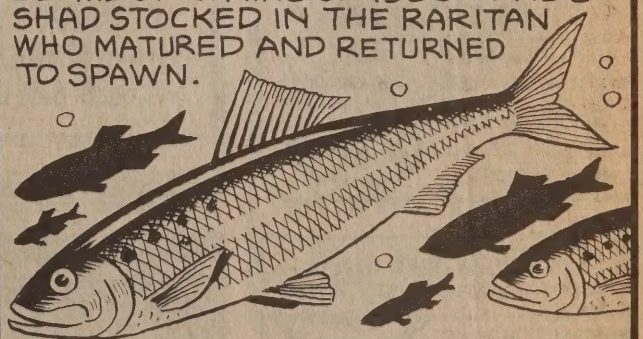

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Inshore action with porgies, bluefish and blackfish dominate reports this week with some cod catches also reported. Tuna, with shark and swordfish, are red hot at the canyon. Also, reports of very large blue sharks closer to home have come in. Fluke catches continue for those willing to put in the time. Plenty of stripers around for catch and release.

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Captain Fred Bird related that porgy action is reaching new heights on the **Flying Cloud** and **Little Bear**, with most fishing locally east of Great Eastern. However, Captain Bird tried Block Island waters this weekend, meeting with very good action. Sal "Sudsy" captured high hook honors on Saturday with over one-hundred scup. On Sunday, Tony Rosa of Brooklyn caught 134 porgies. A huge sea bass of seven and a quarter pounds jumped on clam bait offered by Spencer Grey on Friday. Largest porgy, three and a half pounds, went to Jimmy Faulk.

Dana Aaronson, reported on various species seen at **Tuma's Dock and Tackle**. A twenty-one pound bluefish was caught on the **Marlin IV**'s Friday night trip by Ronald Kanka. The huge chopper will be mounted. Porgy action remains very good, with

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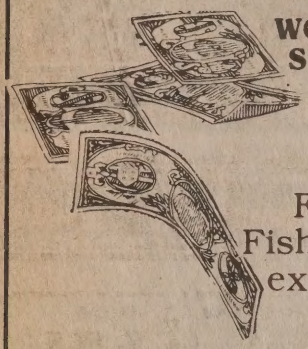

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customers on the **Marlin IV** as well as private boats well satisfied. Bluefishing remains very good, however, for some reason, trolling produced better than jigging on the weekend. Decent catches of blackfish are made at Outer Shagwong on the ebb tide. Dana managed to steal an hour a day for quick blackfishing trips, returning with eight to twelve blackfish per trip. However on Thursday, a half day trip with Captain Ray Ruddock resulted in thirty five blackfish with sea bass and porgies. Offshore, tuna catches have been very light, except for Canyon runners. On a mid week trip on the "Sal Mar", Ed Grant returned with fifteen yellowfin and two bigeye tuna. One bigeye weighed a whopping 238 pounds after gutting. Cash prizes will be awarded to some anglers chartering from **Tuma's Charter Service**. See ad for details.

The charter boat **Orion**, while doing well with bonito locally, has made several trips to the "Aquarium", returning with one or two tuna per trip. Loads of blue sharks were reported in tuna slicks.

Anglers on the **Blue Fin IV** enjoyed light tackle action with green bonito off Block Island early last week. The Parsons from East Hampton and Lampones of Westchester caught about eighty each trip. On Thursday, a twelve pound weakfish was jigged under blues at the point, before the group settled in for blackfishing. On Friday, the Eltons of New Jersey tried for tuna, and encountered blue sharks in the 150 to 200 pound range, giving everyone a workout. Weekend charters combined blacks and blues. Captain Michael Potts reported the release of at least a dozen bass on the weekend.

Last Sunday, a group from the Stagecoach Fishing Club, arranged by Whitey Wicks had good codfish action on the **King Wayne**. The club reported thirty-two cod, average weight ten pounds, with the largest twenty-five pounds. Friday's charter, arranged by Ed Kamenitzer, fished the far off "aquarium" where a 181 pound bluefin tuna was hooked and boated along with three smaller tuna. Captain King felt the catch would have been greater if blue sharks would have left the baits alone.

Sunday's trip with Ed Parker, his father and friends settled in at the West Grounds for one-hundred porgies, with blackfish and sea bass on clam bait. An afternoon journey for cod resulted in twenty cod to eighteen pounds. Night bluefishing continues fantastic, with as many blues to eighteen pounds as you want at Cartwright.

Henry Uihlein reports plenty of bluefish close to the point, loads of porgies under the Light, and reports of good blackfishing at Washington and Cerebus Shoals. A group of anglers treked from Bellrose, Queens to **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** on Sunday for a half day's fluking on two of Henry's larger boats. Using squid and spearing drifted on the south side, under the radar station, they caught thirty-five fluke, top weight four and a half pounds with a few sea bass. Included in the group were Brian Huber, Paul Bay, Kevin McCormack, Yvette La Viscount, Helen Wanser, Allan Butler, Janet Huber, Jim Gaitings and Stella O'Brien.

Selden residents Dennis Schmidt and Jim Algerio tried their hand for fluke again last Thursday, trailoring Dennis's boat, ''Salty'', but meeting poor drifting conditions. They managed eight fluke, top weight seven pounds and encountered loads of shorts.

John Girolamo and his friend Kenny Drace copped first and second pool on last week's **Viking** Georges Bank trip, Kenny with a thirty-seven pound cod, John with a twenty-eight pounder. As reported by John, anglers averaged anywhere from ten to twenty-three cod on this one day trip. Two trips are scheduled for October, one for November. Call the **Viking** office for reservations.

Captain Paul Forsberg returned from his Alaskan moose hunting expedition triumphantly, looking for a place big enough to hold his moose! **Viking** canyon tuna trips have been quite successful. Anglers on Saturday /Sunday's trip returning with ten albacore and yellowfin tuna. However the highlight of the trip was the capture of a 128 pound swordfish that took a butterfish bait. Tuna trips, scheduled four times a week with 7:00pm departure, will continue as long as the tuna cooperate. Although Nomans Land porgy trips were productive, with high hook as many as 128 porgies, recent reports of excellent fishing at closer Block Island has prompted a change in schedule to daily Block Island trips, sailing at 6:00am. Night bluefishing remains spectacular, with anglers loading up with big fish at Cartwright.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that sharking has picked up and was very good the latter part of last week. On Thursday, Jeff Becker fought a blue shark that hooked up on mono line meant for tuna. After a two hour battle the fish was brought to boatside, measured at ten feet (estimated weight over 300 pounds) and then released. On Friday, Hal Rostad, fishing his own light tackle, hooked up with a giant tuna that stripped the reel. Soon after, a one-hundred pound bluefin was caught on fifty pound tackle, fishing the Butterfish Hole. Plenty of bluefish caught casting and jigging at the point.

Tony, Bob and Mark of Brooklyn chartered the **Reel Magic** on Sunday for a blackfish trip. Mark, who had never caught blackfish before, naturally landed the largest of the thirty caught. The fish weighed just under nine pounds. A few drops were made at Cerebus Shoals and at Shagwong.

Joan Jones, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina** reported very good shark fishing the past week. Captain Fritz Hubner on the **Mistress Too** encountered plenty of action with very large blue sharks on each charter with many sharks weighing from 200 to well over 300 pounds. On a charter with Rocco Sparaza of Astoria, a 214 pound mako shark was brought to the marina and several blue sharks were released. In general, most charter boats are sharking, finding a few makos among the blue shark. A mako of ninety pounds was caught aboard the **Mako Express** with Captain Zac Grossman on the weekend. Reports of tuna are very scarce, perhaps since many charters have switched to shark. Inshore fishing is very good with bluefish and blacks.

Rich Reyman Junior was snagging bunker Friday evening, intending to get a head start on the next day's fishing. While reeling in a snagged bunker at the mouth of the Montauk jetties, an eleven pound weakfish grabbed the bunker. It was weighed at **Gone Fishing Marina**. Frank Savage, fishing at Southwest Ledge on Sunday, managed twenty blackfish to six pounds, with some sea bass on the marina based boat ''Mimi''. According to Tom Jordan, weather has inhibited many fishing trips. However, those managing to get offshore have found loads of blue sharks past the Fourty Fathom mark, with scattered tuna. Porgy fishing has been great, with small to medium fish

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locally, larger fish to the north (Fisher's Island, New London, Gardiners) or Block Island. Blackfishing is picking up again. Plenty of bluefish are to be had at the Point, with Cartwright the scene of very large fish. Plenty of bass are around for catch and release.

Last Tuesday Bernie Schultz and friends fished on the charter boat **Caprice**, catching several bushels of porgies to two pounds. On Wednesday, three brothers, George, Tom and Chet Gordon returned from their trip with four bushels of jumbo porgies, and sea bass to three pounds.

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Allyssa Ann** spoke of loads of bluefish with false albacore and green bonito at the Point caught on jigs, with very large blues on herring bait at Cartwright. There is also exciting shark action with large blue sharks, some over three hundred pounds, along with a few makos south of the Point.

Captain Joe McBride, of the charter boat **My Mate** fished on a half day charter for blues at the point and south side, catching all his anglers wanted, after weather put a halt to an offshore trip. On Sunday, Carmine Pellegrino of Brooklyn had a 9/0 reel stripped of line by an unseen tuna on the west bank of the Butterfish Hole, the only hit of the day. The group loaded up with Cartwright blues on the way home. Captain Joe has a couple of half day charters open for the end of October. Call for details. Since blackfishing has started off so well, Captain Joe expects a banner year again. Many bass have been caught in Montauk waters, and released.

Captain Fred Mildner reported continued great catches in the Sound on the weekend. A group from Cresent Copper Company arranged by Bob Thomma of New Rochelle caught fifty-one blues from three to six pounds along with over thirty stripers to fifteen pounds in two hours of frenzied fishing on the **Hawkeye**. Captain Fred first fished the calm waters of Port Jefferson Harbor during Saturday's blow, catching no fish. When Bob, Jim Weinsheiner, Jim Burns, and Ken Faciello opted to brave rough sea conditions to cross the sound, and were duly rewarded with this great catch. On Sunday, a group of lady reelers which included Marianne, Carol, Phyllis and Elaine caught 105 porgies, all over one and a half pounds, the largest two and three quarter pounds, along with a few blackfish and bluefish.

Captain Ron Grandinette fished at Rocky Point on Saturday, in an effort to get out of the wind. The Baxter party of the Bronx caught 492 porgies, top weight three and a quarter pounds. Some sea bass and bluefish rounded off the catch. Sunday's charter on the **Julie III** fished with herring bait on Cartwright Shoals. Richie Ambrose and his friends landed seventy-eight bluefish weighing from four to seventeen pounds.

Drew Rigano, speaking for the **Star Island Yacht Club**, said that blues are providing hot action both at the Point and Cartwright. Blackfishing is getting very good at Cerebus and Shagwong. On an overnight canyon trip, the "Sal Mar", with Eddie Grant, boated a couple of bigeye tuna, yellowfin and a few dolphins on Wednesday. On Friday, the charter boat **Lori-Jay** made the long trip to the "Aquarium" with Chris and Bob Ogden of Wappinger Falls, New York. Captain Rigano stated that the area is alive with fish. A bluefin tuna of 140 pounds, a yellowfin of sixty pounds plus a mako shark of 140 pounds were boated, many others were hooked up and lost. Fishing along side, Stanley Einzig on the marina based boat "Malkessa" caught three yellowfin and a bluefin tuna.

Captain Mike Bentevegna Junior reported fabulous inshore fishing for blues and blackfish the past week. Offshore on Sunday, with Fred Lokentzen and his friends from New City, Captain Mike traveled over fifty miles to find "blue shark city". The group on the **Pronto** caught and released three large blue sharks and kept a very large, probably over 300 pounds, shark for a head mount. Two small bluefin tuna were also caught, through the sharks, since mono line was used exclusively during the trip. Captain Mike is booking shark and tuna trips through October to take advantage of the very good offshore fishing, although extra fuel costs are necessary to travel to these grounds. Cod and blackfish charters will be scheduled for November and December.

Tuna at the Canyon remains red hot, chunking at night, according to Richard Berk at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. Last week, Bob Ehrmann returned to the marina with two bigeye tuna to 175 pounds, and thirteen yellowfin to 120 pounds, fishing on the marina based boat "Bob Kat". Joe Moakley caught a dozen yellowfin and two albacore on the "Rob Roy". Action took place from the Fishtails and west. Ralph Pitts managed to find a few codfish near Block Island on his boat "White Caps". Loads of very big blues moved into Cartwright on the weekend, with most over fifteen pounds. Smaller blues, three to eight pounds, are stacked up at the Point.

Captain Gene Kelly and Captain Joe McBride asked us to inform all saltwater anglers of an upcoming demonstration regarding striped bass restrictions. The Montauk Captains will hold a demonstration at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on Wednesday, October 15th, at 1:00pm in order to express its disapproval with exclusion of a minimal bag limit from the current bass law. Representatives of saltwater fishing clubs as well as anyone else interested in fishing for stripers, are urged to attend. For further information, call Captain McBride at (212) 885-0018.

Stew and Donna Lilher of **Custom Marine Carpentry** of **Freeport** spent their honeymoon in Montauk last week, and decided to do some fluking on the "Wee Mac". Donna proved herself an expert fluker, as she handled a big doormat, which weighed in at fourteen pounds at West Lake Lodge.

Captain John DeMaio, bass specialist on the charter boat **Vivienne**, will appear with Lorry Mangan on L.I. Fishing this Friday at 7:30pm to discuss current striped bass regula-

tions. Tune to Channel 55, WLIG-TV. The program is also aired on most L.I. cable stations, except Cablevision.

SOUTH FORK

George Pharaoh and Chris Salb on a holiday from their duties at **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, joined Buddy Squires last Thursday. The trio first anchored near the Plum Gut lighthouse, where loads of blackfish, some to five pounds, took their clams. Green crabs were ignored for some reason. After picking a few bluefish in the Gut, the group settled in on the north side of Plum Island for a nice pick of porgies of various sizes. On the weekend, Rick Pickering and Fran Schiavoni tried the north side of Plum Island, where nearly one-hundred blackfish were caught, again on clams rather than crab. George reported that very large snappers can be caught from Long Wharf Pier in **Sag Harbor**. Loads of bunker are around and can be seen all over Peconic Bay.

Captain Artie Lach reported loads of porgies for anglers on the **Wilhelric II**. Light crowds enjoyed good catches of scup mixed with sea bass and blackfish at Gardiners, New London, Constellation Rock and other drops in between. Blackfish catches are improving with fish up to eight pounds caught at some porgy spots. Regular Jackie Gleason again took the pool on Wednesday's blackfish trip with an eight pound black.

Many sea bass and blackfish were caught by anglers fishing the east side of the Shinnecock jetty Sunday morning, according to Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. A few weakfish were located amongst the many four to five pound blues which passed through the inlet. On an offshore trip to the Coimbra, about fifteen cod and pollock, some over thirty pounds were located by the "Sandra Jean". Large snappers are hanging in the channels in the Peconics, according to Thom, with very nice blackfish, some to six pounds, now settling in near the Brickyard in Southold Bay. Flounder mavens should try the channel at Three Mile Harbor since good catches were made there this week. Gardiner's Island is still hot with porgies on the east side, while spots such as Crow Shoals and Lion Head Rock on the west provide continuing action both with porgies and bluefish.

Dee and Joe Eisinger anchored the "Haleakala" at the mouth of Heady Creek on Sunday, where they had a good pick of sea bass and porgies. Jack Slain tried the Ponquogue Bridge area, returning to **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** with a load of sea bass.

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Fishing Center, said that a high-low rig worked best, with two and three pound weaks (as many as eighty per boat) taking the high hook, sea bass and small flounder, the bottom hook. A few flounder have come into the areas near Buoys 17 and 20, as well as near the Coast Guard Station. A Canyon trip by Marvin Conners yielded a bigeye tuna, a dozen yellowfins plus a 150 pound mako. Ted has heard of at least one mako fought and lost in 140 feet of water during the week.

Al Flexer reported constant action with porgies and sea bass at the Ponquogue Bridge over the weekend, with fluke to four pounds and the ever present striper. According to his records, Al has caught and released just over one thousand stripers so far this season. On Saturday, "Dom" and a friend filled three buckets with sea bass and poriges using squid at the Bridge. Tommy Moore and Al used **Al Feathers Flash Jigs** for a bucket of sea bass up to two pounds three ounces, with five stripers and a fluke in an hour and a half. Boats anchored both on the east and west sides of the bridge did great with porgies, sea bass, flounder and blackfish (to five pounds) on Sunday. Very nice flounder, some one and a half to two pounds were caught on the northeast side near the Coast Guard Station. At Sebonac Neck Inlet, anglers can find plenty of bluefish, while inside the bay jigs and killies were doing a number on white perch. Fish incoming tide for perch.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Indian summer weather has slowed the change to fall fishing to some degree as fluke appear to be lingering longer than expected and flounder fishing has been slow in some areas. Moriches Bay appeared to get off to a quick start but was slow with the exception of Friday. Deep holes are again the key to better flounder scores. Mixed bag fishing for sea bass, blackfish and porgies remains good in the bays with blackfish the favorite among the three. Some big weakfish being livelined in both inlets on live bunker and eels. Tuna fishing remains hot for chunkers at the canyon and on offshore wrecks. Weather has been a limiting factor but big

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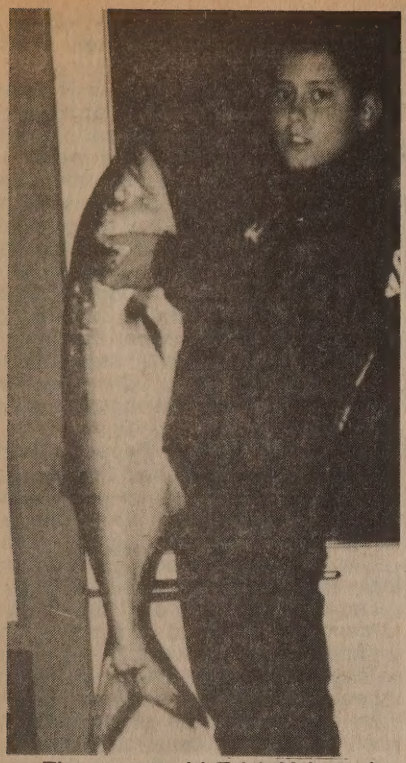
Capt. Ron Schleuter of the Moriches based **Alma Fleet** labeled flounder fishing in the bay as generally slow. He was excited over Friday's exceptional action however when fares in the stern managed 40 to 50 flatties per man while other fares put away 20 to 30 flatties. The size of the fish was also impressive with some up to 3 pounds taken. Scene of the action was opposite Great Gun Beach. Charlie Greiner had fish of 3 pounds even and 3.2 pounds among his catch. Some keeper fluke were mixed with the flounder.

Dave Verone, skipper of the private boat 'Day One' reported some very good flounder fishing on Friday, also near Great Gun Beach. He was more excited about what occured Saturday morning however. He reported blues from 10 to 16 pounds feeding on small stripers up to 2 and 3 pounds at the bay end of the inlet. The blues range from 10 to 16 pounds and were readily taken on bunker chunks. He also reported jigging a few of the small bass only to have them chopped up by blues on the way up. He also saw several big weakfish livelined on eels aboard the **Blue Jay**. Blues and weaks being livelined on a daily basis in both the East and West Cuts near the inlet.

Despite Friday's exceptional flounder action, Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**



Eleven-year-old Erick Volz and his 14 lb. pool winning bluefish. The slammer was one of 22 blues taken by the youngster and his dad during a recent night trip aboard the Captree open boat, "Jib VII."

labeled floundering spotty this week and blamed the mild weather for the current lull. Best bet is now Buoys 31 thru 36 in deep water. An unexpected bright spot has been an excellent run of small weakfish to 3 pounds in the hole east of Buoy 42. Catches of as many as 100 weaks were reported by some private boatmen while Charlie Coffie and his son Manuel bagged 35 from one of the rental boats. Hi-low rigs baited with blood or sandworms have been taking most of the fish. The change in the weather has also rejuvinated the crabbing with one customer taking a half bushel in the cove out in front of the station.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

At **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue,** Paul Graniello reported that all has been quiet on the docks with just a few crabs around and no flounder showing yet. Blackfish are getting all of the attention from the boatmen with Kismet Reef, Robert Moses Bridge and the mussel beds along South Beach producing some good catches. Lots of sea bass mixing with the blacks. A slow week on flounder with no reports filtering back to the shop from either bay. Paul did know that some big blues and weaks were being

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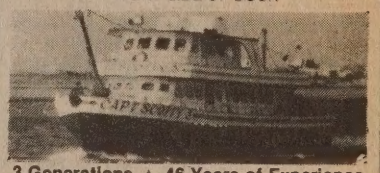
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livelined in Moriches Inlet and tide-runner weaks being taken in Fire Island Inlet.

Rod DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** knew of some decent blackfish scores made on the Kismet Reef during the week. He heard from several boatmen that fishing was tough on the weekend however. Mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and some flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket and still a few fluke being taken at the inlet. Live bunker taking big weaks at the Old Construction Dock and the Inlet. Blues south of F.I. Lighthouse in 60 to 80 feet of water and good action chunking for tuna continues at the canyon, weather permitting.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** had fair to good blackfish reports from his customers working Kismet Reef. They were using both fiddler and green crabs. Good numbers of porgies in the bay but most are on the small side. Hyung Lee and family aboard their 'Commanchee' anchored up on the north end of the R.M. Bridge last Monday. They spent the whole day, chumming heavily with bunker and using worms for bait. Their catch of porgies along with a few sea bass and blackfish numbered around 300. This included many smaller fish that were returned. Small to medium sea bass are almost everywhere including Kismet, West Channel, the R.M. Bridge and the Inlet. A few fluke still at the inlet and some flounder at the Sore Thumb. Sketchy reports on bluefish this week. Probably more the result of the weather than lack of fish.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that most of his customers are intent on blackfish. Many turned thumbs down on Saturday's action but he did have some decent reports concerning Sunday's fishing on the Kismet Reef. Also a couple of decent catches near the R.M. Bridge. Sea bass and porgies are spread around in the bay and there was a showing of flounder back inside the bay. One customer on Sunday had 8 or 9 nice flatties near the intersection of Dickerson and Snake Hill Channels. Also a few flounder being taken from the Oak Beach Cove. Fluke interest may be on the wane but there are still fish to be caught. On Thursday, one customer had 8 keepers at the inlet, another had 6 near Kismet. Friday and Sunday saw good bluefish action in 60 feet of water south of the Robert Moses Tower. Fish were jigged and trolled. Most are in the 5 to 6 pound range. Bonito and albacore occasionally mixed with the blues. Canyon fishing was still hot early in the week for chunkers.

Blackfishing has been generally good according to Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait and Tackle**. He thought fishing slipped on the weekend however as several private boats reported poor results at Kismet. Still some fluke at the inlet and on the piers as well. One customer who specializes in fluking from shore, returned with 7

keepers taken on the Overlook Pier with killies Thursday. Some flounder being taken at the Jones Beach Pier now and boats have been picking away at the Sore Thumb and to a greater extent at the State Channel.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** reported on last Monday's (9/22) special tuna trip which resulted in 25 yellowfin and longfin to 135 pounds for the 15 passengers who made the trip. Speedy noted at at least 3 times as many fish were hooked and lost. They also came close to boating a blue marlin but it was dropped at the boat. The next scheduled trip is for Monday, October 6th, and you should call for reservations. The trips will continue through October with future dates to be announced. Bluefishing was poor early in the week but rebounded towards the latter part of the week with excellent fishing found off of Cherry Grove and Patchogue. Bigger fish are being taken on the night trips but this should change as waters cool.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** based **Capt. Joseph II** said fares enjoyed a good pick of sea bass most of the week. He added that more blackfish are showing and just a few porgies continue to be mixed in. Saturday's fishing was off due to a strong east wind and a rough ocean but Sunday's results were good with over 300 sea bass from ¾ to 4 pounds taken by 29 passengers. A few porgies, blackfish and bonito were mixed in as well. Thursday, under ideal conditions produced the best fishing of the week. Twenty-five fares put away over 400 sea bass with half of the fish ranging betweewn 1½ and 3½ pounds. Fishing was done on an offshore wreck. Bob Gorfein had a 3.10 pounder in his bag. Harry Bundozk scored with bass of 4.2 and 4.12 pounds while George Kosciukiewicz nailed the largest, a 5.8 pounder. Night bluefishing has been hot most trips. Friday saw over 500 blues taken south of Patchogue. The fish ranged from 3-9 pounds. Lenny Rosenbaum counted 28 fish for his efforts.

Aboard the **Captree Queen**, Capt. Gordon Roman labeled the night bluefishing as excellent. Thirty fares on Friday put away 300 blues with the majority of the fish in the 5 to 8 pound class. A good number of 12 to 15 pounders were mixed in. Fishing was done in the Patchogue area. Day trips have been producing plenty of sea bass along with some porgies and blackfish. During the week, Bill Hallinen clicked with sea bass of 4 pounds and 3¾ pounds. Fishing was being done on the Fire Island Ocean Reef and nearby wrecks. Thursday's special doormat fluke trip was one of the better trips of the fall. Thirty fluke in the 4-7 pound class were netted. Warren Gulde clicked with fluke of 5.8 and 6.9 pounds. Sunday's fluke trip was slow with no big fish taken. This may have been a result of Saturday's east winds and rough seas. These Thursday/Sunday trips will continue with Sunday, October 5th, being the final shot at the big fluke.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** has made the switch to flounder and has reported finding good action with the flatties in the State Channel. Some sea bass and porgies are mixing with the flounder and helping to spice the action.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported a decent day of fluking on Wednesday. Saturday, working the offshore reef, produced some fluke as well as some porgies, sea bass and triggerfish to 4 pounds. Night bluefishing has been excellent with the exception of Wednesday night. Most of them 6-8 pounds with fishing being done on the Patchogue Grounds. Sunday saw lots of porgies, along with some sea bass and ling on an offshore wreck.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported on the results of the Babylon Tuna Club's weekend blackfish tournament. Ed Finn nailed down first place with a 6.13 pounder. Frank Losasso took second with a 6.9 pounder and Mike Townsend 3rd, with a 4.7 pounder. Best bet for blacks has been the Robert Moses Bridge with quite a few fish in the 2 to 4 pound class being taken there along with some sea bass. A nice showing of flounder in the East/West Channel near Bergen Point. John Bauman had a nice catch of fish to 1¾ pounds there on the weekend. He used worms and clam chum. Also some flounder in the Copiague Hole as well as the State Channel. Best bet for blues is in 60 feet of water south of the RM Tower. Fish from 4 to 10 pounds were trolled on wire and chummed here in recent days. Some bonito mixed with the blues. On Sunday, Paul Krauss used live bunker to put 8 weaks to 14 pounds into the cockpit of his 'Special K'. Fish were taken at the inlet. Tuna fishing remains hot, weather permitting. Under ideal conditions on Thursday, Richie Westerlind skippered Dick Orlandi's 'Three Sons' to a piece of ocean in 150 feet of water southwest of Fire Island Inlet. Using 30 lb. stand-up tackle, the crew

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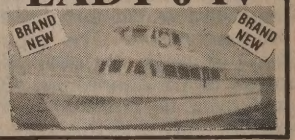

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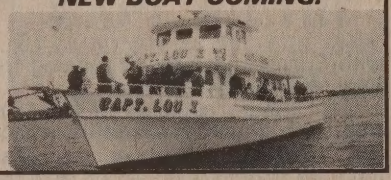

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Capt. Ralph Green aboard the open boat **Miss Babylon**, spoke of good flounder fishing in the State Channel between the Babylon and Amityville Cuts. A good number of blowfish are mixed with the flounder. Some days have seen catches of 15 to 20 flatties per man with the pool going to 2 pounds.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**, Jim Schaefer reported some decent flounder being taken in the State Channel as well as in the Copiague Hole. Small sea bass and porgies are mixed with the flatties. Some big weakfish being livelined at the Inlet. Bunker have been the ticket to these fish. Still a few fluke at the inlet as well as some bigger fish outside. Blues are southeast of the inlet in 40 to 80 feet of water with some fish close in on the beach on Sunday.

John Obedzinski of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over a catch of 21 blacks made by Don Hirsch and a friend on Thursday. They also reported taking lots of small sea bass. Fishing was done on the Kismet Reef on the last of the flood tide with fiddler crabs. Flounder action has improved with some nice catches made in the State Channel at Gilgo and in the Copiague Hole. The WR Buoy has seen good porgie and sea bass action and there are still some fluke at the inlet with bigger fish outside. Use big baits if you are looking for these larger fish. Some real big snappers being taken evenings at the Wellwood Avenue Dock.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** said that Phil Gandiosi along with his sons Steve and Philip and friend Richie, put 15 yellowfins from 80 to 200 pounds and 3 longfins aboard his 'Gramps Crew' on Wednesday. Fishing was done overnight at the Canyon via chunking. Bob Lamanta and crew returned from a Canyon trip with 15 yellowfins between 80 and 100 pounds, also taken chunking. Inshore, Ken Smeltzer and George Mills worked the Rota Wreck to the tune of over 100 blackfish in the 4-5 pound class. Flounder showing signs of a fall run with some nice catches reported in the State Channel, Massapequa Cove and the

Copiague Hole. Some nice weakfish around on live bait and Jellyworms. Shop owner Ralph Angelillo put away 7 tiderunners from 7 to 12 pounds on Monday. He also had 4 blues in the 10 to 15 pound class. On Wednesday he clicked with weaks of 10 and 12 pounds and a bluefish of 16. One of the season's most impressive weakfish was taken on Sunday by Rick Albion. His catch of 3 tiderunners made on live bunker along South Beach tipped the scales at 17 pounds 4 ounces.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported a catch of 75 flounder aboard the 'Shot-Sea' early last week. The flatties were taken, along with sea bass, porgies and blowfish, in the State Channel at the Lindenhurst Cut. George Savage used worms and heavy clam chum to put 40 flounder aboard his Troll and Roll in the same area on Wednesday. On Sunday, the Reel Affair worked the drawbridge at Captree for 12 blackfish up to 3 pounds. Michael Fuchs fished the Jones Inlet area aboard his Impulse and accounted for blues to 16 pounds as well as a 12¼ pound weakfish. Bob added that there are still some reports of fluke being taken at the inlet.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported a catch of cod to 30 pounds and pollock to 20 pounds made onthe Virginia this past week by Ralph Lennon and his crew aboard the 'Sailfish'. Sig Signorelli of the **3 Sea Sons** worked SW of the Virginia one day this past week and encountered blue sharks to 300 pounds. Blackfish are on the Kismet Reef and loads of porgies and sea bass at the R.M. Bridge.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Good mixed bag fishing continues on the inside, though the flounder could be a little stronger, according to this week's reports. Good combinations of black, flounder, sea bass, porgies, kings and some blowfish and fluke are providing some excellent meals. Lots of blues inside and offshore as well with real monsters on the offshore wrecks. The canyon has had super action this week on tuna and makos.

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Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** in Seaford said that while Saturday was a washout due to the weather,

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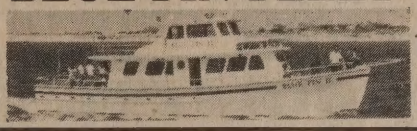

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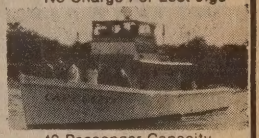

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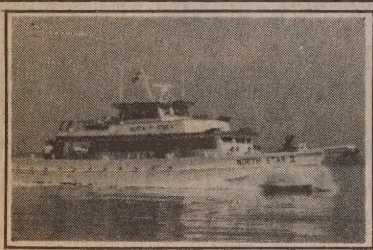

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At **Captain Eddy's Fishing Station** it was mixed bag time at Massapequa Cove on Sunday with loads of sea bass, snappers, porgies, lafayettes and some small weakfish, all on worms. Artie says it's been a pick on flounder and while these fish are still kind of small, they are fat. Plenty of blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs and Artie had weighed in an 18½ lb. blue taken at the 3nd Wantagh on a live bunker.

Word from **Wanser's Tackle** is that there are lots of mixed flounder, sea bass, porgies and a few fluke in the bay with hotspots being 4 Corners, Massapequa Cove and the Wantagh drawbridge (2nd Wantagh). Lots of blues in the bay said Lon with some good catches being made at the 3rd W, JB Piers, Zachs Bay. A decent number of weakfish have been taken at the Big M on live bunker or live snapper. Lots of bluefish along the beaches and out at Cholera and also blues in the surf off Cedar, Tobay and West End. Blues are also a good item at the Big M and 3rd W with jumbos at the offshore wrecks.

Over in Wantagh, Bobby at **Causeway tackle** told of the 10 lb. 4 oz. weak caught Friday by Bill Ophoff on a chunk in Sloop Channel. Saturday saw a 14 lb. 4 oz. caught off the Jones Beach Pier on a drifted bunker. Blackfishing at the Big M has been excellent said Bobby and there's still some good fluking to be had in the main channels and in the back areas. Decent numbers of flounder and lots of small sea bass in the bay. Lots of big blues blitzing around the inside, while weaks are being landed on live bunker Bomber Rainbows from the Big M to the inlet. Good bluefishing at Cholera on bait and chum up into the high teens.

As for the Freeport boats, Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** told us the floundering slowed this week due to the unfavorable weather conditions, but that were still plenty of porgies, sea bass and kingfish action and some flounder to 2 lbs. On the half day boat, Saturday saw Bill Butler with 30 fish, Paul Hymen with 40, including a 2 lb. pool winner, while on Sunday regular Bruce from Hicksville had 60 assorted fish.

The latest from the **Miss Freeport II** is of decent flounder catches all week with sharp fishermen catching up to 25 a man. Pool fish have been going over a pound with all action local. Lots of sea bass and porgies have been mixed in to fill out catches. The night bluefishing, said the skipper will now be Fridays and Saturdays only at 7PM.

We hear from the **Bluefin Fleet** that the bay bottom action has been quite good this past week on flounder, sea bass, porgies, snappers, fluke and bluefish. High hook of the week was Mr. Ohba, a VP at the Bank of Tokyo with 37 assorted fish. Flounder have been going up to 2½ lbs. Offshore bluefish trips have been very good on bait and chum, alligators to 18 lbs. Fishing for the NYPD, Sam Cardiello sbagged an 18 lb. blue, the pool fish of the week while Sam Cuccurilo brought up a 16 lber. and 17 other blues. Gene Risner had 16 blues to 15 lbs., representing the group from Ski Petrol. George Blind conquered a 16 lber. while Ray Nesbitt was satisfied with a 14 lber. and 14 other blues. John Corbett also had 14. Most of these fish were 8 lbs. and up.

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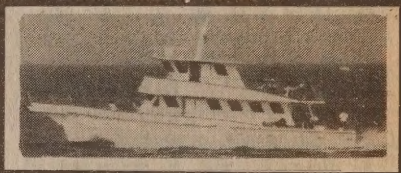

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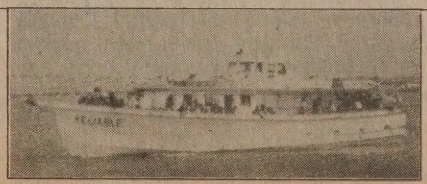

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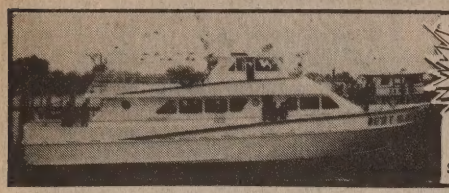

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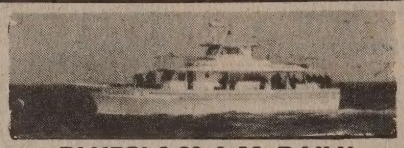

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charters had good catches through the middle of the week but things dropped off somewhat towards the end of the week due to weather conditions. Blue ran 2 to 15 lbs. with better catches being made on jigs, and other catches made on bait and chum. Trips were sailed this week for the following groups: Captain Paul Durkin and Marine Corp. group, Garden City, Eastman Kodak, Phillip Morris Intl., Frank Filandreau group, Frisby Airborn, Freeport, Arthur Fisher Group, Isabel Gallo party, John Dixon Group. Several bay trips were also sailed during the week with customers picking away at sea bass, flounder and porgies. Please note that the **Lady J Fleet** still has several openings for their October 8th canyon tuna trip. By reservation only. See ad for details.

Aboard Captain Richie Kessinger's **StarStream II** there was very good bluefishing all week with fish averaging 8 to 12 lbs. with fish in the 15 lb. category taking the pools. Cholera and 17 Fathoms have been hottest with catches about equally good day and night on bait and chum.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** called the bluefishing good day and night with the Association boats working Cholera and the G&D Wreck. The **Super Spray II** has been having great day bottom fishing on sea bass, porgies and blacks at the 20 mile wrecks (offshore wrecks within 20 miles of the beach). Some flounder and porgies in the bay. Inshore tuna fishing was a disappointment this week said Bob but to make up for that, Canyon action was excellent through the early part of the week when the weather let boats get out. Excellent catches of bigeye, YFT, LFT, dolphin, sword and makos were had.

In nearby Point Lookout the **Miss Point Lookout II** called the flounder ing very sporadic this week, mainly due to the high easterly winds. However, says Capt. Ron there was SOME excellent fishing done on the flatties. On Thursday's PM trip Tony Valani had 25 flounder. Friday AM, Eric and Isabel Olsen shared 30

flatties while Mike and Lana Mucci had 40. Wednesday's PM trip saw Earl French take the pool and on Sunday's PM trip Lynn Yxstris had a 2½ lb. pool flounder, with the exception of Saturday night, the night bluefishing trips have been fantastic with catches in the 40s per man and 15 to 18 lb. pool winners. Walt Mason loaded 2 bags up and had a 15 bl. pool fish Friday night.

Wednesday night Bob Boranski and Joe Galante had 45 blues 6 to 15 lbs. Bob Lerose and brother Bill had 40, 3 to 16 lbs. Gathering up 100 blues 10 to 16 lbs. were buddies Ben, Mike, Ken and Jack. Nat Billo of New Hyde Park had a 17 ib. pool fish and 18 others to keep it company. Sunday night was very good with catches of 15 to 30 a man. Friday and Saturday nights were only fair due to rain and lightning. The boat will continue bluefishing 7 nights a week as long as people keep coming down.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to say that Thursday's trip found the blues slow offshore, so they returned to an inshore wreck and had a nice catch of sea bass to 4 lbs. Friday's trip for 8 anglers had excellent bluefishing at Cholera with over 100 10 to 15 lbers. brought aboard. Saturdays and Sundays charters remained in the bay with the two days totalling over 200 mixed sea bass, porgies, flounder, fluke, kings, blows and blacks. The catch was 80 percent sea bass said the skipper.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** has been getting plenty of sea bass, with a scattering of porgies and blackfish on his special day trips. Al says it usually a fluke or a blackfish that takes the pool. One customer on Friday hoisted 3 fluke in rapid succession all in the 3 to 4 lb. range. There was one double header fluke. The skipper found the bluefishing quiet during the day. The boat's night blue trips now being run Friday and Saturday nights has been very good with mostly all big fish now.

We hear from **Ed's Fishing Station** that Carl Smith of Oceanside on his boat Bingo II bagged an 11¾ lb. weak in Swift Creek on a live bunker. Jigging Sunday in the J2 buoy area the following results were had: with the biggest fish for each angler being: a 14 lber. for Joe DeLello, a 14¼ for Mike Balsamo. Ed McCabe, 10½ lbs., Jen Broodie, 10½ lbs., Vince DeLello, 13 lbs. and Albert DeLello, 13 lbs. Forty blackfish to 3 lbs. was the score for Ken Maitorth and Holga Lang of Middle Village using fiddlers at the Big M on the weekend.

Over at **Scotty's Fishing Station** Mario Fabbro and Tony Mangone, Brooklyn, had over 200 porgies along with a mixture of blows, kings, flounder, sea bass and fluke on worms on the flats at the start of the ebb in Middle Bay. Lots of flounder this week to 2½ lbs. in Reynolds on bloods over the weekend on the rental skiffs. Twelve to 14 lb. blues taken this week on west bar. Richie Shustack and his brother had many on poppers though other anglers had them on troll and on diamond jigs.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells of Paul Bonaventura and John Guachuk, both of Uniondale had 12 blues fishing the ABB to 18¾ lbs. on bunker Friday night. Wednesday night saw large blues blitz the Jones Beach Pier area where anglers had them on just about every bait and plug imaginable. Flounder action has also been very good off the JB piers, in Swift and off the CG station.

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Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** directly on Jamaica Bay said that the north and south channel bridges have been producing lots of blackfish on fiddlers and greens. Large blues and weaks and also stripers are being caught on either live or chunk bunker. Some fluke still being taken on the Gerristen flats on all fluke baits. Some flounder in the Breezy Point area and lots of sea bass scattered all over the bay. A 13¼ lb. weakfish was caught by Patricia Gross on a bunker chunk.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the Mad Mario report out of **Mike's Bait and Tackle** in Brooklyn across from the fleet tells of a major upswing in the bluefishing with bigger fish now strongly in evidence. Both day and night fishing has been a lot better mainly at 17 Fathoms. Blacks and sea bass have been very reliable and porgy action a little to the east in Rockaway areas has been good with lots of 1½ to 2 lbers. being taken. Some fluke on the flats and plenty of snappers still in the bay.

Aboard the charter boat **Avatar** this week, the skipper says his customers have been having lots of blackfish to 6 lbs. and sea bass to 4 lbs., averaging 1 to 2 lbs., all on local wrecks. Blues on the Tin Can around the shoal buoy and to the west from 8 to 10 lbs. chunking, jigging and trolling. Fred has heard of accidental fluke taken off Seabright along with Sea bass on broken bottom there. A few porgies still around. There's been word of

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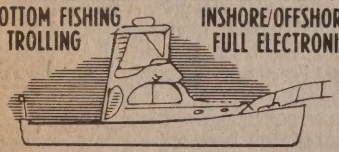
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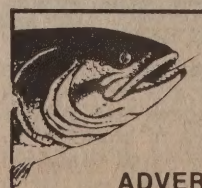
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several giant hook-ups with one or two caught at the Mud Hole.

In speaking with Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** we learn that during the week the bluefishing was down a bit but some very good catches of weakfish took their place with diamonds accounting for weakfish 1 to 4 lbs. Sunday saw the bluefishing bounce back very well at the Mud Hole with blues 6 to 20 lbs. hitting diamonds around the wrecks. In addition, there were albacore in the 8 to 10 lb. range and bonito 3 to 5 lbs. mixed in.

Aboard the **Zephyr** this week fluke remained "okay" according to Capt. Butch with catches running from 10 to 15 keepers a man and a 2/3 keeper ratio. A few 5 to 7 lb. bonito have been mixed in. Action has been at Ambrose, off Staten Island and the Jersey beaches. Butch says there are still plenty of fluke in the back areas left to be moving out and he'll continue fluke fishing until customers stop coming.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

An unusually warm week kept water temperatures on the Sound around or above 65 degrees F for most inshore areas and bottom fishing remained excellent. Easterlies made Saturday's angling a mite rough away from sheltered bays, but Sunday was a super day.

WESTERN SOUND

Sunday's fishing was very good for patrons at **Jack's Bait** on City Island according to John DiCuffa. There were lots of tautog taken by fishermen off Larchmont and around Gangway Rock. Most of the tog were still on the small side to around 5 lbs. Porgies were all over the area and flounder were beginning to make an appearance around local docksites.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport** like the blackfish action around the rocky areas; near Garveys Point and Morgan's, there were bluefish in the evenings. The biggest harbor blues of the week weighed 19-10 and 17-15, and some very nice bass continue to provide catch-and-release action. Nasi estimates fish sizes to 35 lbs.

Betty Anderson told us that the **North Star** was still enjoying excellent porgy action, mostly around Lloyds and mid-Sound areas. On Wednesday, the boat had two weakfish and Anderson had a 10 lber. herself on

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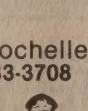

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Thursday. The fish was taken on a sandworm fished off a high hook. Scup are now mixed sizes.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that harbor blues continued to move through the area and could show up at any time around Huntington, Northport, Lloyds or Oyster Bay. The latter area came alive over the weekend. Action on smaller blues continues to be "incredible" in the T Triangle with occasional bass on jigs and tubes.

Eileen Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** called to tell us that chunkers had some fine innings on slammers up to the 20 lb. class in Northport Harbor late in the week, too. There wee some good reports of tautog action on green crab baits around buoy 11B.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jeff saw pretty good action on scup and tautog around Oldfield with larger porgies coming from Cranes Neck. There were a few 7-8 pound blackfish weighed at the station last week, too. Small blues continued to please anglers jigging around buoy 11 with chunking providing larger fish around the harbor.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralphs** in Mount Sinai saw a couple of bluefish over 16 lbs. during the week, but the majority of the fish are 8-10 lbs. Porgy fishing continued to be good in 50 foot depths off the harbor with tautog closer to shore. A few of the boats even had false albacore in their catch, not a surprising fact when one considers that the water temperature at Cedar Beach on Sunday was over 65 degrees.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** called to tell us that his weekday trips from 3PM until dark continue to load bluefish at a rate of 50 to 80 choppers per trip. Fishing varied from jigging to casting or trolling plugs and fish sizes ran the whole range from 3-20 lbs.

Roy Cash said that the **Port Jeff Ace** had some good bottom fishing in the Middle Grounds area most of the week with one picky day on Friday. Despiste Saturday's easterlies, the boat moved from spot to spot from Smithtown Bay to Crane's and caught reasonably well. Bill Porter had the pool winning 7 lb. tautog. Occasionally, anglers switch from the bottom action to jigging 3-6 lb. blues.

NORTH FORK

The **Matticuck Fishing Station** noted mixed sizes of porgies and tautog to 7 lbs. on crabs. Bottom fishing around the inlet has been very good when the bluefish do not

interfere with the moving schools of scup.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** in Southhold figured that "bluefish are everywhere" and that you could use just about any technique in the area around the Gut. Ed Czelatka's **Sea Boots** had several hundred fish on 6 person charters and sizes were 3-10 lbs. Dick Van Duzer even chunked blues to 7 lbs. around Jessups. The tautog fleet in the brickyard accounted for some smaller bluefish as well.

A report from the **A.P. White Bait Shop** late in the day confirmed that Greenport boats were doing very nicely on early blackfish, bluefish and porgies.

Crowds continue to flock aboard teh **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X**. Lisa Brennan figured that full buckets of porgies were the rule on weekdays when crowds were small while half buckets were the norm when the boat packed up on weekends. Some of the fish in the New London area were now of record proportions while large to jumbo scup ate are the rule on most days.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** out of **Orient** called to describe a "great day" of fishing on Sunday. Soft baits are producing anywhere from five to twenty-five tautog and scup per person, with blackfish numbers way up for this time of year. John Rainis did have one ten pounder last week, but most tautog are small fish now. There was a good shot at flounder on a mid-week trip, too. Ciccotto wanted to tell readers that all tickets have been sold for Monday, October 6th.

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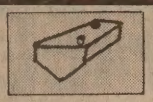

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Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing fell into a lull around some parts of the Island this past week but as is always the case, there were some major exceptions. Most concerned bluefish. Here's how things shaped up after our usual round of calls:

Montauk continues to provide surfmen with the most consistent action with blues. Fishing on some days this past week bordered on the ridiculous, such was the fervor of some of the feeding frenzies. According to Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk,** blues were the hot item much of the week up front, at Shagwong, Ditch Plains and at least on Sunday—the entire south side from Town as far west as you wanted. The blues are in the 3 to 8 pound class and being taken on tins or plugs. Plenty of blues around after dark also which has been a plague to casters trying to weed out bass or weakfish. John did know that John 'The Englishman' Skidmore managed 3 weaks at mid-week. Bob Tiederman also managed to cull a few yellowfins from among the choppers.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported that he stumbled on a massive bluefish blitz in the Lighthouse area on Monday afternoon. He said that casters caught fish until they were arm weary with most falling between 4 and 8 pounds. Bob called the scene 'a once in a lifetime' experience.

Some more Montauk news filtered our way via Mike Kaland of Striper Surf Club. Mike reported that fellow club member Bill Rothwell of College Point managed to week a 21 pound striper out from amongst the horde of blues up front. The bass was taken on a 2 oz. bottle plug and released unharmed.

Speaking from his **J & J Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue,** Paul Graniello said that the surf in his area appeared to have quieted down this past week. A few small blues at Smith Point and at Fire Island National Seashore and an occasional bass to 15 pounds being picked from the pods of mullet still lingering along the beach. Best shot at a big blue has been to drift weighted bunker chunks inside the inlet. Dave Hassel has been enjoying a steady pick of 8 to 12 pound blues using this tactic. A bunker chunk found a 30 pound striper for Patchogue Fishing Club member, Pete Cilento on Wednesday morning at Moriches.

I did receive second hand reports of a lot of blues at Shinnecock Inlet and Hot Dog Beach Friday evening. Some bass into the high teens were reportedly mixed with the blues at Hot Dog. Gary Hall, another Patchogue Fishing Club member drilled bass of 8 and 13 pounds from Shinnecock Inlet on the weekend. He opted for the North Shore for his bluefishing and was well rewarded with choppers of 18, 15 and 13 pounds.

One of the biggest blues to come to our attention this season was reported by Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait Station**. The fish, however, was imported from the North Shore. Hardfishing Vinnie Riggio followed up reports of big blues riding herd on bunker at Huntington Harbor and looked in on the action Monday morning. An Atom Popper accounted for a blue which checked in at 20 pounds, 11 ounces. He told of dropping another big fish as well. Noel relayed

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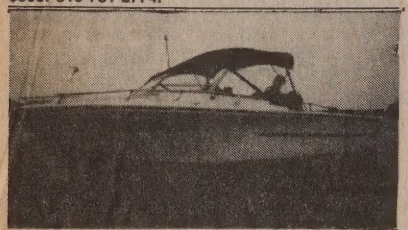

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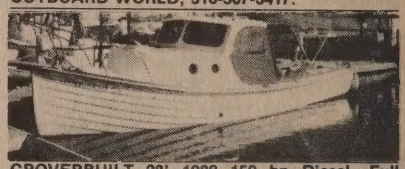

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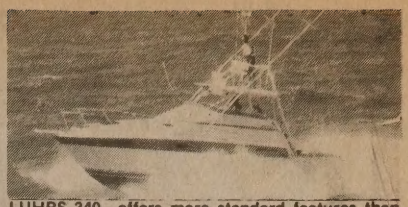

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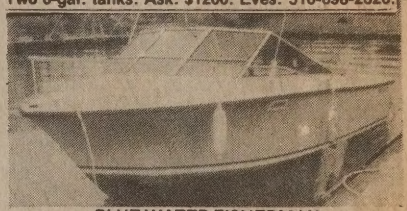

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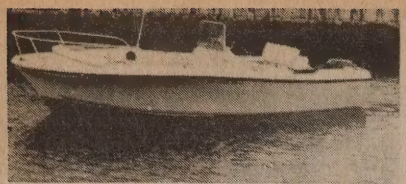

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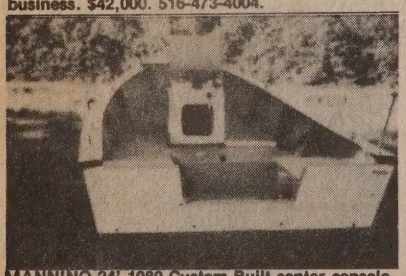

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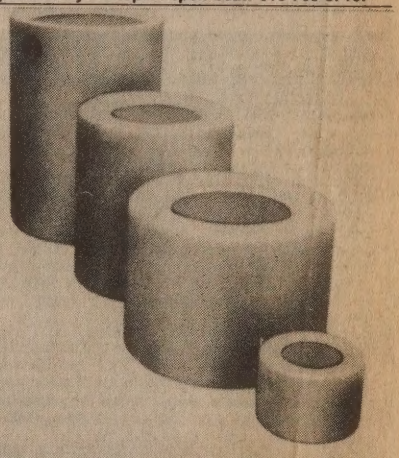

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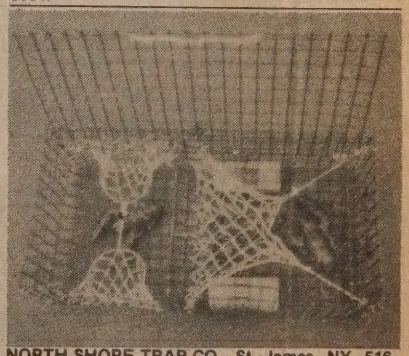

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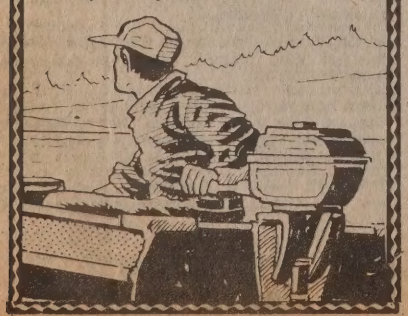

word that blues, along with a few bonito were taken by casters working the Robert Moses surf Sunday afternoon.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy checked in a catch of 6 blues to 12½ pounds for Joe Kelly one day early last week. The fish were taken at Cedar Beach. Phil Jacob used a chunk of bait to take a blue of 18.2 pounds on the Cedar Bar Sunday night. Tom also knew of blues from 3 to 5 pounds taken on tin at Robert Moses Field 4 on Thursday. A local youngster by the name of Leon swam a live snapper in Sampwams Creek this past week and was rewarded with a 6 pound weakfish. Bass fishing slowed considerably in this area but still an occasional fish being picked. Jerry Bernard managed several schoolies to 14 pounds in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello reported some "giant blues into the high teens on the back side of West End 2—Jones Beach." This has been a nighttime and dawn affair. Some big weaks have been mixed with the blues. Out front, a lot of school bass taken this past week on swimmers and poppers.

Frank Lallo reported on the surf scene in the Manhattan Beach area. He took 4 blues from 8 to 12 pounds on butterfish baits and junior Atom plugs one evening this past week. He added that school bass continue to be taken after dark on 5½ inch Rebels and a dropping tide. A run of big blues with some reported touching the 20 pound mark taking place at the mouth of Gerritsen Creek. The big choppers are harassing bunker schools and are being taken on livelined bunker and big plugs. This is an outgoing tide—nighttime affair as well. Anglers drifting sandworms and bunker chunks from the Manhattan Beach Walk Bridge have been scoring with weaks in the 7 to 8 pound range on night tides. Breezy Point continues to produce mixed size blues in the early AM. I did hear that Bill Miller of the Mid-Island Surf Club connected with a tiderunner weak of 14.4 pounds this past weekend.

Bluefish are creating havoc along some stretches of the North Shore as they feast on bunker schools. John Toro reported a school of big blues chasing bunker up onto the beach in Oyster Bay Harbor on Sunday. He said the action took place from 6AM to 4PM with the fish being taken on snagged bunker and popping plugs.

Eileen Fleischman of **Greenlawn Sport Shop** said that blues up to 20 pounds are being taken inside Northport Harbor on bunker chunks. Dominick Calendra checked in a 12½ pounder taken from Centerport Harbor.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** heard of plenty of blues being taken by chunkers at local beaches. Most were in the three to five pound range but some fish topping the 10 pound mark are being taken.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Pickerel and perch proved the most consistent freshwater bets over the past week with plenty of fish available on the east end. Bass fishing is hit or miss with some anglers scoring well and others reporting tough fishing. Fishing in deeper water seems to be the key to taking the bigmouths.

From Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle**, **Franklin Square**, we hear of solid action with bass in Hempstead Lake with nightcrawlers the best bet. Pickerel at this location are also in a feeding mood with several fish reportedly taken on Mepps Spinners.

Over at **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle**, **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann reports small to medium sized bass responding well to lures in Grant Park and Hempstead Lake. The fall chill has turned on the fish in these locations and they seem to be feeding throughout the day.

Bobby Turtello at **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, confirmed the solid bass action on the west end, telling us that the Twin Lakes in Wantagh have been the scene of consistent action throughout the day. A few small pickerel are also mixing into the catches here. Out on the east end, Richie "Perch" Manna has been doing a number on both white and yellow perch.

A call to Fred Laager at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Farmingdale**, produced no specifics as few freshwater anglers stopped by this week. Fred told us that he knew of a few trout taken in Connetquot River State Park, but the fishing at this location was slow in comparison to last week.

The crew at **J&J Bait and Tackle**, **Patchogue**, reported a fairly active week with a couple of nice fish weighed in at the shop. In Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond, Fred Lowenhaupt of Sayville used a spinnerbait last Thursday to fool a 4.5 pound largemouth which he released after weighing. Out east in the Peconic River system, Pat Smith and Adam Schleede of Bellport combined efforts last Friday to nail six pickerel to four pounds (28") and several bass.

From the **Fisherman's Deli** on the bank of the Peconic River in **Riverhead**, Mrs Devlin reports that most anglers found the action a little on the quiet side this week but Chris Reis of Ridge did manage to cull six bass and a few small pickerel from Wildwood Lake on Saturday morning. The biggest bass of the day for Chris weighed 4.15 pounds and fell for a jellyworm.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:30	7:40	8:05	8:25	8:00	8:15	8:50	9:10	10:45	11:00	10:40	11:00	7:20	7:35	10/2
FRI.	8:05	8:20	8:45	9:05	8:40	8:55	9:30	9:55	11:20	11:40	11:20	11:45	7:55	8:20	10/3
SAT.	8:45	9:00	9:30	9:50	9:15	9:35	10:10	10:35	11:55	—	—	12:05	8:40	9:00	10/4
SUN.	9:30	9:45	10:10	10:35	9:55	10:15	10:50	11:20	12:20	12:35	12:25	12:45	9:25	9:45	10/5
MON.	10:10	10:30	10:55	11:20	10:40	11:05	11:35	—	1:05	1:20	1:10	1:30	10:10	10:35	10/6
TUES.	11:00	11:20	11:45	—	11:35	—	12:10	12:25	1:55	2:10	2:00	2:15	11:00	11:25	10/7
WED.	11:55	—	12:10	12:40	12:05	12:30	1:05	1:20	2:45	3:00	2:55	3:10	11:55	—	10/8
THURS.	12:25	12:55	1:05	1:40	1:10	1:35	2:05	2:20	3:45	4:00	3:50	4:10	12:25	12:55	10/9

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/2	6:58	6:41
FRI. 10/3	6:59	6:39
SAT. 10/4	7:00	6:37
SUN. 10/5	7:01	6:35
MON. 10/6	7:02	6:33
TUE. 10/7	7:03	6:31
WED. 10/8	7:04	6:30

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/2	5:20AM	6:15PM
FRI. 10/3	6:30AM	6:35PM
SAT. 10/4	7:45AM	7:00PM
SUN. 10/5	9:00AM	7:25PM
MON. 10/6	10:15AM	8:00PM
TUE. 10/7	11:35AM	8:40PM
WED. 10/8	12:50PM	9:35PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
10/3	10/10	10/17	10/25

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:20	10:25	4:35	10:50
Fri.	5:05	11:05	5:15	11:30
Sat.	5:45	11:55	6:10	—
Sun.	6:35	12:20	7:05	12:55
Mon.	7:35	1:25	8:05	1:50
Tues.	8:50	2:40	9:05	2:50
Wed.	9:35	3:25	10:15	4:00
Thurs.	10:45	4:35	11:20	5:05

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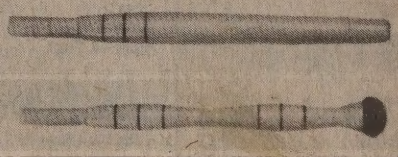

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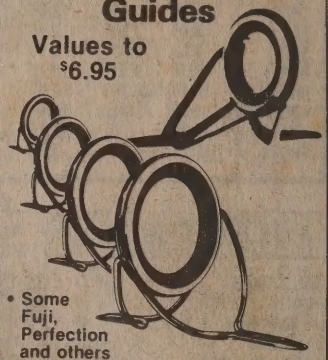

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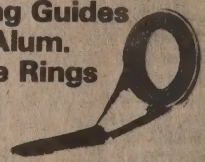

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